



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



Chief Stephan retires... 8A

Kolka/Corbin shoot for fourth-straight marathon win

FIRST TO THE FINISH — The three-time International AuSable River Canoe Marathon championship team of Jeff Kolka of Grayling, and Serge Corbin of Quebec, (right) finished first in Sunday's Spike's Challenge C-2 Paddlers Tribute Race, from Ray's Canoe Livery to McMasters Bridge, with a time of 2:37:28. The team will try to hold onto their title for the fourth year in a row this Saturday and Sunday, July 24-25, in the 52nd running of the 120-mile competition, from Grayling to Oscoda, known throughout the canoe racing world. See Page 1B for the full story and results from the C-2 race on July 18, as well as the C-1 race on July 17.

Photo by Cheryll Ruley



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County offered chance to join proposed DDA City Council may now decide on DDA

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Members of the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) filled the Ways and Means Committee Meeting last Thursday afternoon, hoping to persuade the County Commissioners to support their efforts to form a Downtown

Development Authority (DDA) to Grayling.

GUDA spokesman James Briney said he was at the meeting in response to an invitation he received from County Controller Paul Compo and was pleased to have the opportunity to present the DDA concept to the Commissioners.

Three area bridges to close for marathon

The 52nd International AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee would like to remind everyone that Stephan, Wakeley and McMasters Bridges will be closed temporarily to all vehicle traffic on Saturday, July 24 during the race.

Spectators will be shuttled by bus, from both sides of the river, to the bridges.

The bridges will be reopened only by the direction of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department at the appropriate times as the race progresses.

Briney shared various statistics, as well as advantages, to creating a DDA and the benefits to the County if they so choose to join the process. He explained that the benefits to the County, while not being immediate, are an investment in the future prosperity of the community and its citizens.

Also in attendance was Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce President Monte Burmeister, whose organization has 350 members. He, too, voiced his opinion on the need for involvement by the County in a DDA and asked the Board to look toward the future — that improvements made possible by a DDA will only help increase the tax base, creating more business opportunities and jobs.

He also spoke of the importance

of federal and state funding, for example the nearly \$600,000 in grant money obtained for area trails development.

"If we hesitate and fail to take positive action now, we may lose our ability to acquire federal funding for needed projects," Burmeister said.

"Do we have to have a DDA to get MDOT and other funding?" asked Commissioner Scott Hanson.

Burmeister explained that the nearly 300 DDAs around the state have become quite integrated into the grant process and get a good response when making requests for funding.

The discussion then turned to what a DDA will cost the County. Continued on Page 2A
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New pumper dedicated to long-time fireman



NOW IN SERVICE — The new Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department pumper was dedicated on Saturday, July 17 to long-time volunteer firefighter Chuck Stoddard.

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Nearly 200 people attended an open house/BBQ hosted by the Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department July 17, where a new pumper truck was unveiled and dedicated to 27-year department veteran Chuck Stoddard.

Stoddard was taken by surprise when the dedication was announced and humbly accepted the honor. A plaque with his name and years of service will be installed in the truck's cab in his honor.

The \$161,000 pumper has a foam induction system and replaces a 25-year old truck that had a price tag of \$14,000. It is the largest tanker in the county.

The Department raised over \$1,000 with a silent auction, yard sale, 50/50 raffle, and quarter toss. Ten lucky kids won rides in the new pumper. And, a \$200 donation was presented to Dixie Lobsinger for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Grayling, since the required 60 days after the public hearing will have passed.

By law, area taxing authorities are allowed 60 days after the hearing to decide whether or not to allow their taxes to be captured by the DDA.

At the Grayling City Council's July 12 regular meeting, Council member Marilyn Palmer said she

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See "City Council may..."

Frederic Township to name park after former trustee

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Frederic Township Board passed a motion on Tuesday, July 13, to pay homage to the late Betty Sajdak by commemorating the Frederic Township Park in her honor. Sajdak is a former township board member.

Improving the park was one of Sajdak's goals, said Frederic Township Clerk Nancy Bindschatel. The Sajdak family had requested that memorials be directed to the township park for the purpose of purchasing more playground equipment.

"The money has just been rolling in," said Bindschatel.

The Frederic Fire Department recently donated \$2,500 to help put in a new chain-link fence at the Frederic Township Park. Bindschatel said the fencing project will cost close to \$5,000, with the township matching the Fire Department's donation.

Another possible improvement to the park could include a paved path for bikes, skateboards, roller blades,

etc.
Bindschatel and Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert said that a sign or plaque of some kind will eventually be installed at the park to display the commemoration, though they were undecided as to the exact form of the marker.

Frederic appoints treasurer

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

With the appointment of a new treasurer, Frederic Township now has a full board again.

The township appointed Sandra Barber to the position on June 24 during a special meeting.

Four applications were received for the spot on the board, which had remained empty for a couple of months after the resignation of previous treasurer Jon McLeod.

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Woman dies from multiple bee stings

by Cheryl Rulay
Staff Writer

A 43 year-old Troy woman, on a canoe trip with about 16 of her co-workers, died shortly after 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 18 from an allergic reaction to multiple bee stings.

According to Crawford County Sheriff Marine Administrator David Krug, the group was on a remote part of the South Branch of the AuSable River (about 20 miles southeast of Grayling) when the canoe Linda Showalter was riding in hit a tree filled with bees. She was stung several times.

Due to an apparent allergic reaction to the stings, members of her party tried desperately to reach 911 using a cell phone. "There are a lot of dead zones out there," Krug said. "They didn't get through to dispatch until about 40 minutes later, after climbing the ridge near the Chapel on the Mason Tract and using another canoeist's cell phone." Records show Alicia Shaker, residency unknown, made that call.

Efforts were made to revive Showalter by two members of her party, but she died at the scene.

Krug reported Showalter may have known she was allergic to stings, but was not carrying a sting kit to use in such an emergency. "Who knows. She may have survived had she had that kit or if the 911 call had been able to get through sooner," said Krug.

The rescue effort went as well as could be expected," Krug said. "I doubt it could have been improved with all those dead zones out there."

Responding to the scene and combining efforts to save Showalter were Sheriff's Deputies, Marine Patrol personnel, DNR personnel, Northflight EMS and South Branch Township EMS.

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Contestants gear up for pageant

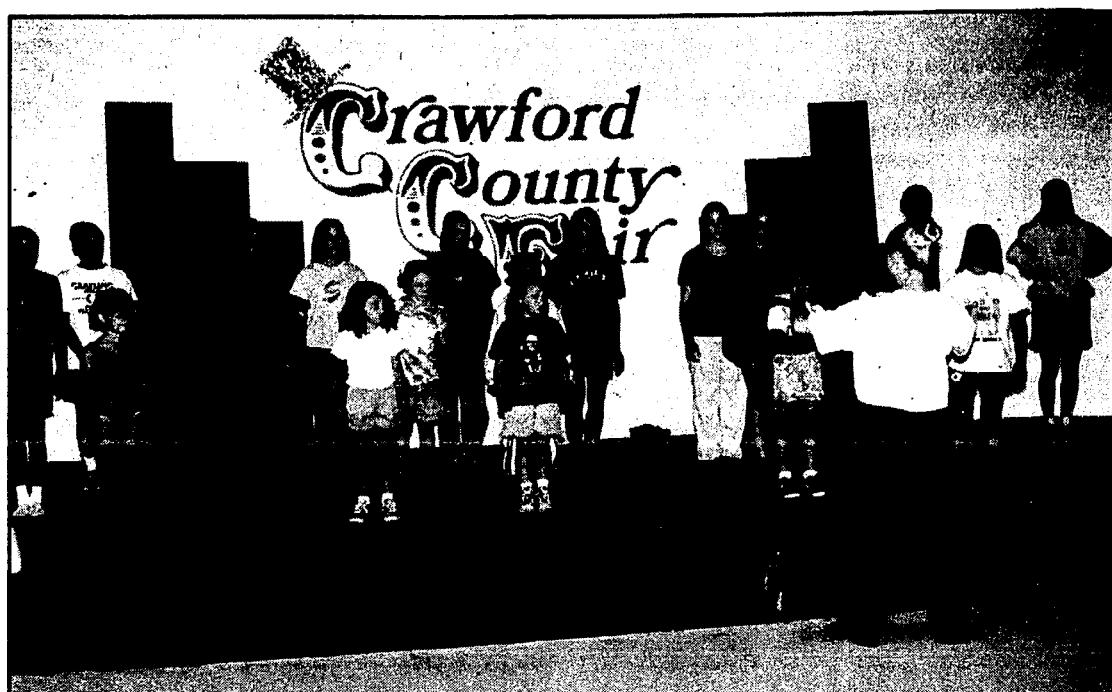


Photo by Linda Golick

PRACTICE, PRACTICE - 1999 Miss Crawford County Pageant contestants practice their opening number under the direction of 1999 Grayling Junior Miss Brandi McClain. This year's contestants are: Miss Teen - Shayla Moore, Sasha Latusek, Tracy Parkinson, Rachel Evin, Jessica Stewart, Felicia Phillips, Ashley Wolcott; Miss Pre-Teen - Molly Ferrigan, Jamie Pinkelman, Jamie Drudge, Danielle Lighthall, Salena Nelson, Mara Wakeley; Little Miss - Emily Sloan, Jessica Drogowski, Kaitlyn Wallace, Emily Miljure, Meghan Miljure, Kelsey Gilbert. Absent from practice day of photo were Tiffany Pizzi and Katelyn Drake. The 1999 Little Miss Crawford County Pageant will be held Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Alternate routes posted for south I-75

Returning from up north is getting smoother -- and easier -- on I-75 with the reconstruction and widening of southbound I-75 from M-93 to the split of I-75 and US-27 near the city of Grayling.

To make it easier during construction, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is posting alternate route signs for those who want to avoid potential backups.

State Transportation Director James R. DeSana said, "We're adapting construction methods on

this project to minimize inconvenience to motorists during their invaluable leisure hours."

This 9.5 mile project will crush, shape and resurface the roadway. It will also widen the roadway from two to three lanes from Grayling to the I-75/US-27 split.

The project will be completed in late October. Motorists returning from up north should expect delays. Lane closures will be used on Tuesday through Friday. Both lanes of traffic will be open from Saturday through Monday.

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Exit I-75 at M-93 (exit 259) and turn right. Follow M-93 south until it ends and becomes Military Road. Take Military Road to Four Mile Road, turn left and follow back to I-75 South.

Motorists, especially on Sundays, may want to consider alternate routes to avoid backups.

MDOT also has set up portable message signs to keep motorists informed of traffic conditions.

City Council may now decide on DDA

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would like to invite John Czarnecki and Dan Elliott to the (Monday) July 26 meeting so they can help to answer questions.

Elliott and Czarnecki have both served as advisors to the city during the DDA formation process.

Palmer had moved to invite Czarnecki to the July 26 meeting on June 28, but the motion failed by a 2-3 vote.

The motion to invite Elliott and Czarnecki on July 12 sparked a lengthy discussion of the DDA issue.

Mayor Ralph Stevens said that he has given the DDA matter a lot of thought, and suggested the possibility of trying a "Community Improvement Authority" in place of the DDA.

"We've spent \$15-17,000 on the DDA already. That's a lot of money being spent and the community is getting nothing out of it," said Mayor Stevens.

"DDA is another government," he said. "I don't know if we need it. There's not a thing the DDA can do that the city council can't do."

Stevens said that rather than "wasting money on bureaucracy," the funds could be used instead by a Community Improvement Authority to accomplish downtown projects.

Accounting and auditing would "cost about \$4,000" per year for a DDA, Stevens said, and since the passing of Proposal A has greatly limited the tax-capturing ability of DDAs in general, the DDA may not have the financial backing necessary to be effective.

Councilman Robert Ruddy also said he was concerned about financial aspects of the DDA, especially with regard to taxes on the people living and working within the proposed district.

Ruddy said that after speaking with a lot of people in the district, he found that many were concerned about tax increases, especially seniors. "This is going to make more taxes," said Ruddy. "Nobody on this board is more enthusiastic about the DDA than I am, but a lot of citizens could be hurt by this."

He said that maybe the council should consider Stevens' suggestion of a community improvement

group.

Council person D.J. Brown felt the alternative to the DDA that Mayor Stevens proposed would not have the legal standing of a DDA. "I don't think they'd have the legal authority that a DDA board would," she said.

"I didn't bring this up to knock the DDA," said Stevens. "This is an alternative, an idea that came to me after talking to a lot of people."

Stevens said that improvements can and have been done in Grayling without a DDA, citing specifically the recent work done by the Grayling Promotional Association.

"We don't need a DDA to

improve this community," Stevens said.

Palmer re-stated her motion to invite Czarnecki and Elliott to the July 26 meeting. Brown provided a second, and the motion passed 4-1, with Councilman Robert Golnick voting "no."

The council will have its first opportunity to vote on the DDA formation on Monday, July 26, at the council's regular meeting, though the council isn't necessarily obligated to make a decision at that time.

"Just because we've got a proposition on the table doesn't mean we have to act on it right away," said Stevens.

County offered chance to join proposed DDA

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Compo stated, using 1998 figures, the County would pay about \$1,600 to \$2,500 out of its General Fund to the DDA if the County decides to participate. "Those are only estimates, but generous ones" he said.

County Chair Lynnette Corlew reminded those in attendance of the financial difficulty the County has faced in the past couple of years and said, "\$1,600 is a lot of money in this county if you are the one to be laid off or have your hours cut."

County Treasurer Joe Wakeley said the County runs on about \$380,000 each month. "That's \$13,000 per day," Wakeley said. "We currently have \$80,000 or six days of operating funds in reserve."

Chamber Board member Bill Gannon then remarked that this was a chance for positive development and growth of the area. "The issue is to join together and make an investment in the future."

GUDA member and owner of Milltown Title & Escrow, Laurie Figley, shared figures from West Branch and Roscommon, both of which have a DDA District. The City of West Branch has seen, in 14 years, an increase in taxable property value of nearly \$1.7 million. The Village of Roscommon, in about seven years' time, has seen a taxable property base value increase of over

\$1.3 million.

Corlew remarked that the Board would take serious time between this meeting and their regular meeting on July 21 to look over all of the details and materials given them concerning the proposed DDA in order to make an educated decision.

After the presentation by Briney was completed, the Board decided to put the DDA decision on the July 21 agenda.

"If we can't come up with \$1,600 to invest in the future of this county, we really do have a problem," Hanson remarked after the presentation.

Coincidentally, Compo included a current financial report as part of his overall report to the Ways and Means Committee on July 15. It states, "At the end of the month of June, 75% of the budget year has elapsed. Our total expenditures for this period equal 66% of the budgeted amount. This compares to 70% expenditures at this time last year."

Compo included, as a side note, the County is spending eight percent less on purchasing than last year. However, he reported the revenue portion of the budget is currently at 83% of the budgeted amount, comparing to 85% at this time last year.

The Commissioners will have to make their decision to either join or "opt out" at their July 21 meeting.

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Grayling Township Park idea scrapped for now

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

The Grayling Township Parks Committee's recommendation to scrap the idea of a park near Isenhauer Road was accepted by the Township Board at their regular July 14 meeting.

Outgoing Trustee Melvin Nunn presented a report from the Committee stating there were three main reasons why a Township Park located on the 85-acre parcel would not be suitable. They were:

- The site is very narrow on the south end,

Hall appointed new Grayling Twp. Trustee, replaces Nunn

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

With the recent election of Melvin Nunn to the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education and his subsequent resignation from the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, the Board was required to appoint someone to fill the remainder of his term.

Thomas J. Hall was selected from a pool of seven applicants, six of which were interviewed at a special meeting held July 13.

"We interviewed six applicants and they all

through which the East Branch of the AuSable River flows, and runs adjacent to I-75, making it undesirable for a picnic, playground or quiet area.

- There is a dangerous bridge across the East Branch which creates a liability and would need to be removed or replaced. Removal of the bridge would cut off access to a majority of the acreage. Replacement of the bridge would be costly and may not be permitted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

- Creation of an alternate access road on the

north end of the acreage, which is partially wetlands, would be expensive and possibly not good for the environment.

After discussion of the Park Committee's findings by the Board, they agreed the recreational usage they envisioned could not be met. They voted unanimously to return the riverfront parcel to the State of Michigan.

"We really regret that things did not work out for us to create a Township Park," commented Supervisor Terry Wright.

Toppling tree causes death and injury at lake

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

A camping trip ended tragically for a couple from St. Johns when a tree top snapped off in high winds, then fell on their tent in the early morning hours of July 9.

The accident took place at the Lake Margrethe State Forest Campgrounds and meteorologists

reported 30-35 mile per hour wind gusts at the time.

Witness Tom Malson, of Newaygo, told State Troopers that he was looking for a campsite when he saw a light shining up into the trees around 2 a.m. He then spotted the tree down on the Chamberlain's tent and heard the moaning of one of the victims.

According to the Michigan State Police in Houghton Lake, Robin S. Chamberlain, 40, died at the scene about 3 a.m. after being crushed by a ten-inch in diameter poplar tree top while sleeping.

Her husband, 55-year old Joseph W. Chamberlain suffered a broken pelvis in the weather-related accident and was taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital for treatment.

He was later transferred to an undisclosed hospital downstate and his current condition is unknown.

Frederic amends Freedom of Information Act policy

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

Frederic Township recently amended its policy with regard to the Freedom of Information Act. Under the revised policy, requests for copies of material available through Freedom of Information must now be paid for in advance.

The township changed the policy because it has been having problems with people requesting material through Freedom of Information

and then not picking it up, said Township Clerk Nancy Bindschatel.

Depending on the request, the process of gathering and copying information can be time consuming, said Bindschatel, so when the product is not picked up the effort can be a waste of resources.

Copies of meeting minutes currently cost six cents per page, and others cost 25 cents a page. Those asking for the material must also pay labor fees for the time township employees spend gathering and copying the documents.

Bendig case headed to jury conference

by Cheryll Ruley

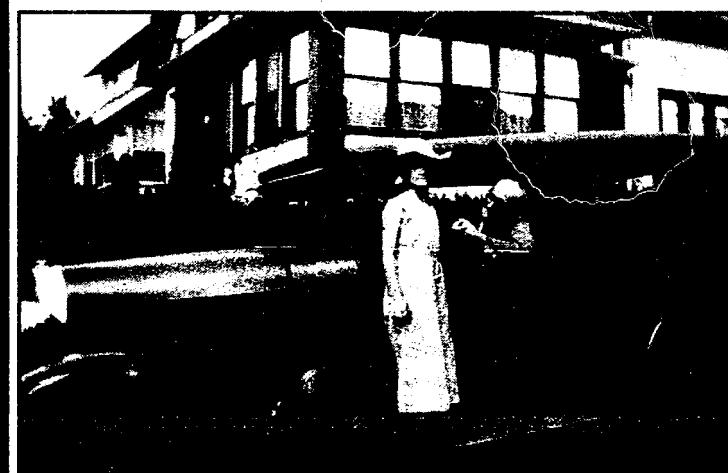
Staff Writer

Former Crawford County Corrections Office David Bendig appeared in 83rd District Court on July 16 for a pre-trial hearing on charges of larceny.

The case alleges that Bendig took at least \$200 or as much as \$300 from the personal inventory of an inmate back in May. According to the Sheriff's Office, Bendig confessed to taking some money however, the amount remains in dispute.

Judge John Hunter set a Jury Status Conference date of August 3 at 10:30 a.m., when a decision will be made to bring the case before a jury if a settlement cannot be reached with County Prosecutor John Huss's office prior to that date.

Historically speaking...



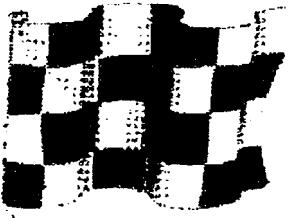
REMEMBER WHEN — Look at 11-year old Rosalia Matyn (circa 1935) on the running board, sharing a sweet moment with her father. Her family submitted this photo and requests friends send cards in honor of her 75th birthday on July 25. Cards may be sent to Rosalia at 604 Michigan Avenue, Grayling 49738.

Callewaert, Jansen reappointed

At their regular meeting July 14, the Grayling Township Board re-appointed two current members to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

By a unanimous vote, Joseph Callewaert and Curt Jansen were both retained to their seats on the township's ZBA.

Be sure to see...



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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Goodbye to Republicans, Hello to Democrats

U.S. REP. MICHAEL Forbes of New York pulled a switcheroo the other day, which is a bit puzzling to the casual political observer.

Mr. Forbes, 47, became one of 70-plus Republican first termers who helped give the GOP control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994 for the first time in 40 years.

Now he's changed his mind. He doesn't like Republicans any more. He wants to be a Democrat.

Could Michael Forbes set a trend? Sparked by the ascendancy of President Ronald Reagan, there's been a lot of party switching during the last 25 years or so, but mostly Democrats abandoning ship to embrace Reagan Republicanism.

Maybe all the conservative Democrats have made the jump -- especially in the south -- and Mr. Forbes' leap may be the harbinger of

another realignment.

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REP. FORBES had harsh things to say about Republican leadership he's followed in Congress.

"The Republican Party ... has been defined through the actions of its extremists in the House of Representatives," Mr. Forbes said. "It has become an angry, narrow minded, intolerant and uncaring majority, incapable of governing at all, much less from the center, and tone-deaf to the concerns of a vast majority of Americans."

Maybe his disenchantment is understandable. He's been in the GOP trenches, for example, while his leaders shut down government in a budget squabble, dumped a pair of speakers, and rammed through impeachment charges against a popular President Clinton, much against

the grain of most Americans. In truth, Republican legislative leadership has not won general praise for statesmanship.

But while Mr. Forbes complains of the heavy hand of the ruling right, most of his own positions reflect their program. According to the Associated Press, his voting record has been "generally conservative" -- against abortion, for looser gun laws -- and he may have trouble finding solace for such views in his new party.

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MEANTIME UP in New Hampshire, U.S. Sen. Bob Smith is another dissatisfied Republican. He had been running for the GOP nomination for president, but is looking for a new home.

Mr. Smith, however, complains about his party not being conserva-

tive enough. He has talked to the ultra conservative Taxpayers Party about bearing its presidential standard in 2000, and may find haven to think ... or too moderate, as Mr. Smith and Mr. Buchanan seem to believe?

Or is the problem in party and/or congressional leadership?

The answer probably is "yes" to all those questions.

It depends on your point of view.

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CORRECTION -- Oops! Oops! Oops!

The Almanack erred in last week's column citing how term limits has sent Secretary of State Candice Miller searching for a political future, probably in a congressional challenge to U.S. Rep. David Bonior in suburban Macomb County.

The Almanack brain, memory and reference book obviously all were on vacation last week. We wrote the column as if Ms. Miller was finish-

ing her third term as Secretary of State and not her second.

The office is term limited after two four-year terms, not three.

We wrote it was 12 years and out.

It's eight.

We wrote Ms. Miller defeated long-time incumbent Dick Austin in 1990. It was 1994.

We wrote she was re-elected twice. It was once.

Sorry for the confusion. I apologize.

Upon review, the balance of the column and its main thrust remain appropriate, and we're grateful for that.

Maybe columnists should be term limited, too.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

DEQ consolidation and relocation best for public and environment

To the editor,

In spite of all of the negative comments about the decision to consolidate the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) offices, the decision to do so is a good one.

I empathize with all of the people upon which an additional travel burden has been imposed, but the consolidation is in the public's best interest, the best interest of the Department and most importantly, is in the best interest of the environment.

Coordination among the numerous Divisions within the DEQ is essential in protecting the environment. Issues regarding air quality can interface with issues regarding surface water and with waste management. At major facilities, coordination among divisions is essential to prevent pollution from being shifted from one media to another, to coordinate escalated enforcement against the few consistently non-compliant industries, and keep abreast of activities which cross program lines. This coordination is currently stifled, by distance and multiple offices. In all of the criticism that has been leveled at the DEQ for this move, few have looked at the benefits to the public and the environment that this consolidation will provide.

The public will no longer have to potentially call four different offices to get an answer to their questions. The public will be able to call one office and get the answer to a question and not be shifted to some other

number where a different division is located.

The current maze that the public must face is unacceptable and often frustrating. Currently, trying to find answers requires that the public know which office serves which counties; which programs are located in which office; and who in each office serves which counties.

If you've ever called a governmental agency and been bounced from one person to another, to another... to eventually end up with the person you started with, you understand the frustration of somebody trying to get an answer from our current office structure. Once consolidated, this problem will be resolved.

When the consolidation is viewed rationally and practically, the decision to locate the office in Gaylord is again, a good decision. The bulk of work in virtually every program area is much better served from Gaylord than Grayling.

Logistically, Gaylord is in the center of the counties that are served by the Grayling, Mio, Roscommon and Gaylord offices. The bulk of the work is located to the east of Gaylord in Alpena, to the northwest in Charlevoix, East Jordan and Petoskey, to the north in Cheboygan, and in the Gaylord area.

Granted, some major industries we regulate are in the Grayling area, but they are easily serviced from Gaylord. Relatively few regulated industries are located in Roscommon, Oscoda, and Alcona Counties which are closer to

Grayling than Gaylord. In the long run, there will be significant cost savings in transportation and expenses by locating the consolidated office closer to the sources we regulate.

Again, I do empathize with those who will be forced to relocate, have further drives and will have their lives significantly upset. I would not have been pleased about moving my job site to Grayling, if the decision had been to consolidate in Grayling. I would have been even less pleased about the logistics which clearly indicate that Gaylord is a preferable location, closer to the sources we regulate.

The worst of all would be have been to drive further to work, pay a city income tax, and essentially take a pay cut. But, I wouldn't have complained, because each of us has the option to quit, find a different job in state service closer to home, or relocate.

I understand the personal hardship on all that are being forced to relocate, but the bottom line is that this is best for the public and the environment.

Mark W. Stephens
Air Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality

Beautification efforts are so inviting to all

To the editor,

We at GPA are working hard around Grayling to add some flowers and to beautify some areas.

As I drive around town, I have noticed that many of our businesses and home owners are also making the effort to beautify their own areas. This all makes Grayling look more inviting to our own citizens as well as to the people who visit.

We members of the Grayling Promotional Association do appreciate all the beautification that goes on in our community and we will continue to work hard to enhance more of the area.

Carolyn DiPonio
President, GPA
Grayling

VIEWPOINT

The opportunity is now for our community...

Grayling is my home. I grew up in Crawford County, I live in Grayling Township and I own businesses within the City of Grayling.

For over 30 years my family and I have participated in the life and future of our community. The next 30 years, compared with the past, will occur at warp speed making it imperative that citizens take an active interest in shaping the future of Grayling. This will be accomplished with the establishment of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Over 300 communities in Michigan have discovered that a DDA opens the door to self-determination and investment, driven by funds from a variety of sources at the state and federal levels.

Over the years as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary, Vice President and President of the Grayling Uptown District Association, and Secretary of the Grayling Promotional Association, I have seen opportunities come and go.

Again, I do empathize with those who will be forced to relocate, have further drives and will have their lives significantly upset. I would not have been pleased about moving my job site to Grayling, if the decision had been to consolidate in Grayling. I would have been even less pleased about the logistics which clearly indicate that Gaylord is a preferable location, closer to the sources we regulate.

The worst of all would be have been to drive further to work, pay a city income tax, and essentially take a pay cut. But, I wouldn't have complained, because each of us has the option to quit, find a different job in state service closer to home, or relocate.

I understand the personal hardship on all that are being forced to relocate, but the bottom line is that this is best for the public and the environment.

Mark W. Stephens
Air Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality

VIEWPOINT

AP Program provides high quality education

by Kathy Frederick and Lynn Thompson, GHS Counselors

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program is an opportunity for students to pursue college-level studies while still in high school and to receive credit for college by scoring well on the AP examination.

By challenging and stimulating students, the AP Program provides access to high quality education, accelerates learning, rewards achievement, and enhances both high school and college programs.

Taking an AP Examination enables students to compare their knowledge and understanding of a college-level subject with the high academic standards established by college faculty. The challenge of meeting these national and international standards gives students a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

Students who take AP courses learn a subject in depth, develop analytical reasoning skills, and form disciplined study habits that can contribute to continued success

at the college level. College admissions personnel view AP experiences as one indicator of future success at the college level.

Participation in an AP course, therefore, can be a great advantage to a student who wishes to attend a highly selective college. Course exemption gives students time to broaden their college experience by exploring additional subject areas, participating in internships, and studying abroad, for example.

The quality of the AP Program and its participating schools is reflected in the fact that the National Education Goals Panel uses AP as a measure of academic excellence. Schools with successful AP programs are regarded as strong academic institutions, and their participation helps set a standard of achievement for students and contributes to the faculty's professional pride.

Grayling High School has offered AP classes since 1980. The first course offered was English Composition. Since that time, the program has expanded, and stu-

dents are now able to take AP courses in art, biology, calculus, chemistry, English composition and literature, U.S. History, and psychology.

Students at Grayling High School have also taken AP exams in French, Spanish, and European History, through independent study.

This year, there was an enrollment of 91 students in AP classes. To enroll in Advanced Placement courses, students must first successfully complete all the necessary pre-requisite courses, and they must have their instructor's recommendation and parental approval.

In May of each year, the AP Examinations are given, on a nation-wide schedule. Students must pay the cost of each exam they take (this year the cost was \$68); however, for students who qualify, there are fee reductions through both the College Board and the U.S. Department of Education.

To find out more about the Advanced Placement Program, you may visit their website at www.collegeboard.org.

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BRIEFS

Church hosts God Squad Kids' Crusade

The Burning Bush Tabernacle presents The God Squad Kids' Crusade vacation bible school with food, fun, bible stories, skits, crafts, prizes and treats galore, July 26-30. Classes will be held nightly from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and are offered to children ages three to 12 years old. The church is located at 501 E. Michigan Avenue. For more information, call 348-8314.

Ice cream social and craft fair planned

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 400 Michigan Avenue, will hold an Ice Cream Social and Craft Fair on Saturday, July 24 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Pie, ice cream, cones, lemonade and ice tea will be served. For more information, call Val Johnston at 348-4376.

Sign up for year 2000 Twin Convention

The Michigan Twins Convention will be held in Gaylord, June 23-25, 2000. This is the first time the convention will be held in northern Michigan. Some activities planned are a canoe trip, museum visits, Big Buck Brewery tour and golf. Northern Michigan twins are urged to contact convention organizers and get on their mailing list. Call or write to Jackie Smith at (517) 826-3787, 30 E. Arthur Randall Road, Mio, MI 48647. Or, call her twin sister, Gerry Blair, at (517) 826-3376.

Lucky 13 winners for weeks 8 and 9

Lions Lucky 13 winner of \$100 for week #8 was Edwin Papendick and winner of \$300 for week #9 was Marvin Hallett.

Memorial horseshoe tourney planned

The Tom Trenary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament will be held Saturday, July 24, at the Crawford County Fairgrounds beginning at 9 a.m. For more information call 348-9352.

Selective Service seeks local draft board members

The Selective Service System wants to hear from men and women in the community who might be willing to serve as members of local draft boards.

Local draft board members are uncompensated volunteers who play an important community role closely connected with our national defense.

If a military draft ever became necessary, approximately 2,000 local draft boards across America would decide which young men in each community, if eligible, receive deferments, postponements or exemptions from military service, based on federal guidelines. Approximately 20 local board member positions are available in Michigan.

Prospective local board members must be: 1) citizens of the United States; 2) at least eighteen years old; 3) not an employee of any law enforcement agency registered with Selective Service (if a male); 4) not be an active duty or retired member of the armed forces; and, 5) not have been convicted of any criminal offense. Once identified as a qualified candidate for appointment, they will be recommended by the Governor and appointed by the Director of Selective Service, who acts on behalf of the President in making the appointment.

Each new draft board member receives 12 hours of initial training after appointment, followed by four hours of annual training for as long as he or she remains in the position. They may serve in local board member positions up to a total of 20 years, if desired.

If you believe you meet the standards for local board membership and would like to be considered for appointment, contact: Region 1 Headquarters; 2834 Green Bay Road; Building 3400, Suite 276; North Chicago, IL 60064-3038; Attn: Ms. Laurie Stoffel; phone: (847) 688-7996 (lstoffel@sss.gov) or State Director Arthur P. Tesner, 2500 S. Washington Avenue; Lansing, MI 48913; phone (517) 349-7779 (aptessr@aol.com).

RANGE FIRING

Camp Grayling Range Firing scheduled, during July 21 through July 27.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd. and on the east by Carrier Rd.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline.

For further information call 344-6107.

G'Day for Reading



AUSSIESOME CAR, MATE - The "G'Day for Reading" jeep is being driven by Miss William's class: Susan Harrington, Cammie Rae Harrington, Ashely Feldhauser, Mollie Coe, Sean Coe, Cayla Johnson, Ethan Neuberger, Kelsey Neuberger and Colin Hamlin, in the Children's Room at the Crawford County Library.

Marathon weekend activities help local groups help others

As marathon week winds down, there are many things to do before the big race that will help others.

On Friday and Saturday, July 23-24, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 23rd Annual AuSable River Fine Arts and Crafts Show. Over 125 vendors offering a variety of handcrafted items will fill the City Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

On Saturday, July 24 the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity will once again be inviting the public to dunk a notable community "good sport." The Habitat Dunk Tank will be set up on the west end of Michigan Avenue for their Ice Cream Social and Craft Show. Ice Cream will be served from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and the Craft Show runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donation is \$1 for three chances to dunk Chamber of Commerce President Monte Burmeister or another local "celebrity." All proceeds go to local Habitat projects.

The Grayling Rotary Club will hold their 4th Annual Rotary Chicken BBQ in the American Legion's parking lot on James Street (I-75 Business Loop). Tickets are \$6 for all ages and are available through any Rotary member or at the BBQ. The meal includes half a chicken, baked beans, potato salad, roll and butter, plus a drink.

After enjoying a BBQ meal, stroll on over to the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue for their Ice Cream Social and Craft Show. Ice Cream will be served from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and the Craft Show runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sheriff offers free one-day boating safety school

Personnel from the Marine Division of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office will conduct a complimentary Boating Safety School on Saturday, July 31, which will be the last class offered this summer.

The school will be held at the Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 1:30 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age.

Upon successful completion of the school, participants will receive a Michigan Boating Safety School Certificate.

Under State law, all persons born after December 31, 1978 require a boating certificate in order to legally operate personal watercraft.

A lunch break will be held and Sheriff David Lovely suggests that all participants bring a bag lunch and a drink.

To register, or for more information, call the Sheriff's Office at (517) 348-4616, ext. 345.

Community Calendar

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THURS 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4416. •MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICES BEREAVEMENT support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3 - 5 pm, for more information call Mary Beth Detting, 1-800-424-1457 •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY MEETING @ Hanson Hills 7 pm. •MEETING OF THE SINGLES will meet at 123 Lake Street in Prudenville. Thursday, July 29, 1999 at 6 p.m. Any questions please call Betty at 821-8529.
FRI 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ENJOY ONE OF THE MANY CANOE MARATHON RELATED ACTIVITIES IN GRAYLING!! •GOOD LUCK RACERS!!
SUN 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. •SAGINAW TEEN CHALLENGE in Concert, 6 p.m. in the city park.
MON 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm @ Frederic Township Hall. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
TUES 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's, 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 pm. Call Thelma H. at 344-2043 for more information. •GRAYLING AL-ANON MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 p.m. Call Thelma H. 344-2043 for info.
WED 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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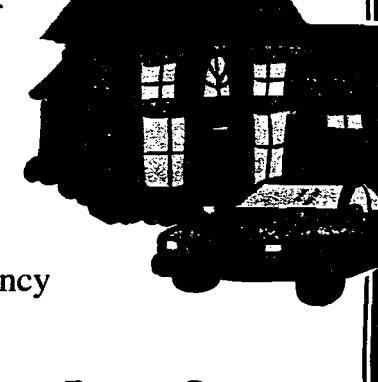
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The Bible Speaks

Pedophilia lunatics?

In a letter to House Majority Whip, Tom DeLay, the CEO of the American Psychological Association, Dr. Raymond D. Fowler wrote that the report "A Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Samples," a study that appeared in the APA's journal last year, was "inflammatory," and "inconsistent with the APA's stated and deeply held positions on child welfare." The study (which was the subject of last week's Second Opinion, "Damned Statistics") purports that child sexual abuse "does not cause intense harm on a pervasive basis" and has been widely used to support homosexual advocacy of sex between "men and boys." In response, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, popular talkradio hostess, concluded, "Psychology has become a god to the general public. It is not science. Let me ask you a question: If pedophilia is not a mental disorder, what is it?" Excellent point, Dr. Laura!

More statistics exposing this growing problem involved a school teacher carrying HIV who went to trial for sexual assault on a sixteen year old student. During his trial, Brian Eugene Lepley, 34, admitted to having sex contact with Bell, then sixteen, but adamantly denied that he did anything criminal other than occasionally buy some underage boys alcohol or bring them marijuana. This

educated teacher apparently lived by the teaching of some professional psychologists who say that even child sexual abuse "does not cause intense harm on a pervasive basis." The former substitute teacher said he believes he was prosecuted the first time around for the crime of being gay in a small town and having a disease that terrifies his neighbors. Lepley said, "I was described as carrying death in my blood. This is condemning a man because of his lifestyle."

The above victim, Arthur Bell IV, told authorities that Lepley appealed to him and his friends by bringing beer and marijuana to their parties, and then soliciting sex from them. Bell told authorities that had he not been intoxicated, he never would have had sexual contact with Lepley. Bell explained to the police that Lepley never told him that he was carrying HIV. Bell, now eighteen, told authorities that he was taken May 16, 1997 to Tecopa Hot Springs, California from Pahrump, Nevada, bound in chains and was forced to commit sexual acts on one of his substitute teachers, according to case intelligence.

The victim's father, talkradio sensation Art Bell, learned of the incident after his son attempted suicide. The senior Bell temporarily left his 400 station program last fall to take care of this grave family crisis. Later Bell filed a lawsuit

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Holistic Health Fair to be held in Waters

Unity of Gaylord will host a Holistic Health Fair on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Otsego Lake Township Hall in Waters.

This event is an opportunity to meet more than 15 holistic health care providers from the local area who offer a variety of health-related services.

The purpose of this event is to share options available of alternative health and wellness methods. Holistic health care recognizes the connection between body, mind and spirit, and that there are many ways we can help ourselves achieve an active, healthy, enjoyable lifestyle.

There will be demonstrations, mini-massages, health assessments, products, and a lot of information. Attendees will be able to talk with the practitioners and ask questions.

as well as explore new areas of interest.

A few of the health care disciplines to explore are: medicinal and body care herbs, Feldenkrais® Awareness through Movement, yoga, Tai Chi, massage, chiropractic, natural and organic foods, SHEN, magnet therapy, women's

health, aromatherapy, environmentally safe products, meditation, The Artist's Way, and more.

Raffle tickets are available for over 15 products, services, and health-related prizes. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. For more information or raffle tickets, call Unity of Gaylord at (517) 731-9950.

Holy Ghost Revival Tent Crusade planned

The Holy Ghost Revival Tent Crusade will be held July 25 through August 1 at 7 p.m. nightly, except for Saturday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Calvary Assembly of God in Roscommon, the event will be held next door to the Roscommon Post Office.

Well-known revivalist Jamie will encourage a relationship with Christ each night, Sunday through Thursday. On Friday, Judy Carlson

will speak on God's miraculous intervention for those who are hurting. On Saturday, an all day gospel sing fest and pig roast will be held. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Sunday, August 1, southern gospel group Chosen will perform.

And a "Kid's Crusade" will be held Tuesday-Thursday at the church. For more information, call (517) 275-5309.

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Why not begin taking better care of your soul this week as you worship in your local church or synagogue? After all...you're worth it!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 50:1-11	Isaiah 51:1-11	Isaiah 51:12-23	Isaiah 52:1-12	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Isaiah 54:1-10	Isaiah 54:11-17

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Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 348-4033

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 am
Sabbath School 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm
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Grayling Assembly of God
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701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
Pastor, James Briney
3474 West Park Road, Lutzene

Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

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Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
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Sunday School 9:15 am
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylor Christian Reformed
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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm
Blessing Radio (Internet) <http://blessing-radio.com>

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services 7 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - 275-4388

Sunday Classes 10:30 am
Sunday Worship 11:15 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.

Sunday School 9 am

Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic

Sunday Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenberger St. • 348-5325

Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C.

Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448

Sunday School 10 am

Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm

Family Training Hour and Prayer 7 pm

Wednesday 7 pm

Lovells Chapel
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Free Methodist
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St. Francis Episcopal
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M-72 West - Office 348-5850

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Herbert R. Filter - Pastor
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Luzerne Baptist
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
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Roving Volunteers add to Lovells Chapel



Addition adds over 1,600 square feet to existing Lovells church

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

For the past five weeks members of a special volunteer group have been constructing a sizeable addition to the Lovells Community Chapel, which is located on Bald Hill Road in Lovells Township.

The group, which is part of a national organization called Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service (RVICS), consists of eight retired couples in motor homes, all traveling together in a caravan.

The "Roving Volunteers" are from states all over the U.S., including Texas, Ohio, Missouri and Michigan.

The RVICS members set up camp around the Lovells church, and worked Monday through Thursday for five weeks on the addition, which resulted in the creation of about 1,600 more square feet for the chapel's congregation.

"We really appreciate what these guys have done. It's really been a tremendous help to the church," said Reverend Dean Coursey, Pastor of the Lovells Chapel.

"It's been a real experience having these people here. We got the foundation up, and they did the rest," said Reverend Coursey.

The chapel celebrated its 50th anniversary a few months ago. Church member Otto Brantley said the last time the church underwent a project for adding space was 20 years ago, 30 years after the original chapel was built.

"This is quite a project for a little church like this," said Jerry McEvers, RVICS member.

McEvers, who has been working on projects with RVICS for eight years, was born and raised in Grayling. He used to own McEvers Motor Sales (a Buick dealership) in Grayling.

"I think 1969 were the last models we sold. After that I worked in financial planning for 21 years," McEvers said.

His wife Shirley used to teach at Grayling Elementary School.

"It's a lot of fun," said McEvers. "We like new construction, but we probably do more fixing up of old stuff."

RVICS is a national organization based out of Smithville, Texas. It is made up of retired people from all over the United States, and sends its members to job locations all across America and even a few in Canada.

"We get to pick what projects we want to do, and we don't always work with the same families," said McEvers. "We go south in the winter and north in the summer."

RVICS members pick their top project choices from a list at headquarters and set their schedule for a year, he said. The average is about one project a month.

Participants of the charitable organization are not paid for their work and transport most of the necessary tools with them. RVICS members sometimes do electrical and plumbing work, and some are even licensed in such areas.

"We do what needs to be done at the time. Most of us can do whatever comes along, just handyman stuff," said McEvers.

As for when he might stop, McEvers said, "As long as the Lord keeps us healthy, we can do it."



RVICS members Jerry McEvers (left) of Grayling and Chuck Houck (right) work on the top portion of the addition's back wall.



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Chuck Raynor (front), Larry Acton (right), and Bob Brannan (back), all members of RVICS, work on the roof near the front of the addition.

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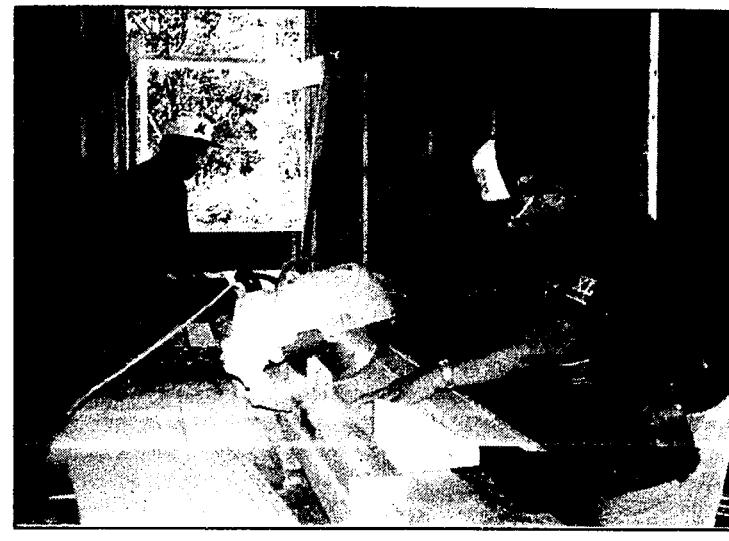
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(Top left) RVICS members Bob Midkiff (left) and Norman Runyon (right) put soffit on the underside of the roof overhang of the Lovells Chapel addition. (Above) Larry Smith (right) of RVICS and Lovells church member Bud Townsend (left) cut pieces of soffit for their colleagues outside. RVICS members work on a strictly volunteer basis and travel all over the U.S. "It's an interesting time," said Runyon.

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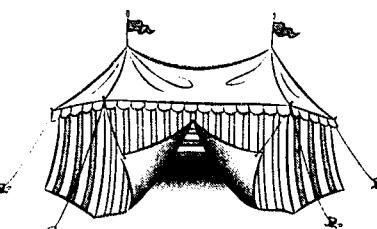
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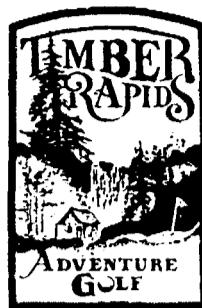
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Grayling Police Chief retires

■ Chief Pete Stephan ends 41-year career in local law enforcement

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling Police Chief Pete Stephan worked his last day with the city police department on Friday, July 16, retiring after a 41-year career in local law enforcement.

Stephan started his career with the Grayling Police in 1958 as an auxiliary member of the force for the Fourth of July festivities. In October of '58 he began working as a patrolman, and served in that capacity full-time until 1965.

From 1965 to 1971 Stephan had a postal contract, but still worked with the police department as an extra patrolman on weekends, vacations, and sick leave.

In 1971 Stephan returned to the department full-time as sergeant, and was appointed chief in 1972. He served as Grayling's police chief from October 1, 1972 to July 16, 1999.

During that time, Stephan was active in the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Northern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, which he says has been very rewarding. At various points in his career, he has served as president of each organization.

Stephan has worked with numerous governmental figures in his time with the state associations, including Connie Binsfield, Richie Davis, Allen Lowe, Dick Posthumous, and Governor John Engler.

The associations deal with legislative issues that relate to law enforcement.

"It's allowed me to see the work-

ings of state government first-hand. I've watched the association go from more of a social club of administrators to one of power and respect," said Stephan.

Specifically, Stephan said he is proud of the work the association has done with regard to seatbelt law and concealed weapon legislation.

Another personal benefit of being involved with the police chiefs' associations has been being able to deal with law enforcement on a more positive note, dealing with legislation that impacts the state.

"Generally law enforcement deals with the negative side of a community," he said. "Officers find ways to try to offset the negative elements. I suppose this has been one of mine, the state organization working constructively toward legislation that benefits everyone."

The possibility of having to inflict physical violence, or having violence inflicted on one's self, is an issue police officers have to deal with every day, Stephan said.

"That situation with Deputy Paul Smith getting shot down at the rest area emphasizes that sometimes you could be faced with having to use physical violence or being shot at," he said.

Stephan has never been shot at "that I know of," he said, though he recalled at least two incidents in which he faced the "wrong end of barrel."

One such case went like this: A homeowner had been the victim of repeated vandalism to his residence, and requested the police check up on the place periodically. Stephan said that while checking on the home he opened the storm door, and then the inside door, which happened to be unlocked, at which point he found himself staring down the barrel of a deer rifle.

"It turns out the wife had stayed behind and was going to catch whoever was doing it," he finished, laughing.

Stephan said that in his 41 years as a police officer he has also never shot anyone, though he came very close to having to do so in a couple situations.

"There have been two occasions where I had to make the choice," he said. "I chose not to, and that turned out to be the best decision I could make, though I did it exactly as the book tells you not to do it. I'm not saying that I couldn't or wouldn't, but I'm very fortunate that I haven't had to have that responsibility resting with me."

Stephan has gone through his share of traumatic experiences during his career, including having to restrain a mother from running into a burning home.

"Her five children died in the fire. We had to carry each of the five out afterwards. That would have to rate as one of the more traumatic ones," he said. "There have been some sad



Photo by Caleb Casey
Pete Stephan worked for the Grayling Police Department for 41 years, the last 27 of which he served as Chief.

times, watching people lose loved ones."

"We have had, in the years I've worked here, anything any other community of any size has had, other than earthquakes and floods. We just don't have it as frequently or as lasting as you see in the metropolitan areas," Stephan said.

During Stephan's time as Chief, the Grayling Police Department has gone from two to five patrolmen, and has kept up with the changing technology.

"With the city's cooperation, the training, patrol vehicles, weapons training and weapons we've had are every bit as good as any you'll find in the state," Stephan said.

Stephan recalled a time many years ago when the streets were made of cinder and gravel and were very rough on the vehicles.

"I'm proud of the fact that the City of Grayling has worked toward fixing itself up with better streets, sidewalks, more presentable businesses. Everything has been a plus," he said.

Stephan is also proud of the progress the community has made in crime-solving facilities, with the county drug lab and now State Police crime lab.

Stephan remembers when local law enforcement had to send even the smallest bit of drug evidence down state for analysis. He worked with then recently-retired Sheriff's Deputy Robert Ruddy on generating interest and support for a drug lab for the area.

"Largely with Bob's efforts," he said, they managed to get some equipment donated from the city and a place for the lab in the basement of the County Courthouse. With the help of grant money, Ruddy ran the drug lab from the early 1970's into the 1980's.

"Rapidly it showed its benefits to the point that the State Police saw the value," said Stephan.

The State Police established its crime lab in Grayling in the early

80's.

"There's still room for a lot more development," said Stephan. "I have always strongly encouraged the State Police put a mini-post here. I kind of work under the idea that law enforcement is 90 percent prevention. The more exposure, the better chance you have of preventing crime. Any time you have a patrolman on the street, whether it's city, county or State Police, it's a deterrent."

Just days before his retirement, Stephan received word that a project he played a significant role in was to finally become a reality: the commemorative stamp for Sergeant Andrew York was approved a few weeks ago.

Stephan was in grade school at the time York conducted his war bond-selling efforts. He said he was very proud to be a part of the citizens group working on the commemorative stamp project, and was happy to see the effort end successfully just days before the end of his career.

As for Stephan's decision to retire, he said his age and health concerns were contributing factors, and when he added it all up it seemed like the right time. "Plus, I've accomplished just about all the goals I've set for myself," he added.

Stephan plans to spend time with his wife Gloria, doing some traveling but always returning to his home in Grayling.

"I don't think that anybody who has lived here as many years as I have can just pack up and leave that easily," said Stephan. After a moment of contemplation, he added, "Maybe in the winters," laughing.

Stephan, who was born and raised in Grayling, says he looks forward to "enjoying the summer seasons and the good life" with his friends in Grayling, though he plans to spend a couple months a year in central Tennessee with his wife in their new fifth-wheel RV.

"Hopefully we'll have a few good years," Stephan said.

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War of 1812 battle to be re-enacted at Mackinaw

Remember the War of 1812? Your history teachers probably glossed over it between the American Revolution and The War Between the States. The War of 1812 lasted for two years, 1812 to 1814, but its origins started when the Revolution ended. The British roughed up Washington DC, invaded the northeast and New Orleans and captured Mackinac Island in 1812. The Battle For Mackinaw is a first ever War of 1812 event being held in Mackinaw City and on Mackinac Island July 30-31 and August 1.

Area residents Paul Plaga, Chuck and Ginny Brew, George and Judy Magsig, Jim and Donna Carmean, Steve and Mary Lou Detmer, Bob and Nona Barnes, Bob Ruddy, Wendell, Angie and Jeremiah Hoover and Jerry Perlinski who are members of the Spirits of the North, Historical and Educational Society are preparing for a busy weekend. The Battle For Mackinaw is being sponsored and planned by the Spirits of the North sponsored and hosted by historic Mackinaw City and the Mackinac State Historic Parks, sponsored by Jay's Sporting Goods of Clare, The Traverse Bay Woolen Company and Mackinaw Crossings of Mackinaw City, Ye Old Black Powder Shoppe of Auburn and Blue Heart Traders of Newago.

On Sunday, August 1, at 12:30 p.m. the British, Native American and American reenactors will stage a final fictional, but authentically conducted, 1812 style battle on the property of the Traverse Bay Woolen Company in downtown Mackinaw City.

In all 300 to 400 War of 1812 reenactors in period dress will converge on Mackinaw City from as far away as Winnipeg, New Orleans, northern and southern Ontario, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and of course Michigan for the opportunity to participate in the recreation of history on the spot where history was made.

This event is not being done to glorify war, but to provide a glimpse into the history of Michigan as it once was.

Leading all of the events will be the President of the Spirits of the North, Wendell Hoover, who will be portraying Major Andrew Hunter Holmes who was killed on Mackinac Island on August 4, 1814. The Spirits of the North has mem-



Photo courtesy of Lois and Jeremy Jones of Roscommon

Wendell Hoover of Grayling will be leading the War of 1812 re-enactment events at Mackinaw, portraying Major Andrew Hunter Holmes.

bers scattered throughout Michigan as well as in Ohio and Illinois who portray the peoples and events of the Straits Area from 1600 to 1815.

Come join us in Mackinaw City and on Mackinac Island for a live history lesson and the opportunity to talk with the participants.

Jesse Besser Museum's Planetarium offers summer fun

Summer is here and that brings with it picnics, trips to the beach and special programming at the Jesse Besser Museum's planetarium. In addition to the museum's regularly scheduled Sunday programs, programs will be offered on Thursday evenings as well as Saturday afternoons.

Two different programs will be offered this summer, "The Summer Sky" and a special children's program entitled "Larry Cat in Space." "The Summer Sky" is a program designed to give the novice stargazers a guided tour of the summer sky. In this program, the audience will

learn to locate many of the summer's better known constellations.

Additionally, "any" planets, star clusters and other "deep sky" objects visible the night of the program will be pointed out and discussed.

"Larry Cat in Space" is a playful and imaginative presentation about an inquisitive cat who takes a trip to the moon. Through Larry's eyes, the audience will meet his human family. One of his family members is Diana, who goes to work on the moon as a lunar geologist. Larry misses Diana, so he figures out a way to get to the Moon and live with her. While there, he meets the rest of

the moon base inhabitants and learns about life in the moon's environment.

"The Summer Sky" can be seen Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. through September 5. "The Summer Sky" can also be seen Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. through August 26.

"Larry Cat in Space" can be seen Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 P.M. only through September 5. Bring the family and plan on spending an afternoon or evening at the Jesse Besser Museum's planetarium in Alpena.

Admission to the Planetarium is \$1 in addition to museum admission.

For additional information contact Tom Gougeon, planetarium director

at the Jesse Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707. The telephone number is (517) 356-2202.



Concert planned to present Teen Challenge

The Grayling City Park pavilion will be the site of a concert on Sunday, July 25 at 6 p.m. The More Than Conqueror Singers, members of the Mid Michigan Teen Challenge Program out of Saginaw, will perform for area youth.

Teen Challenge is an international drug rehabilitation program. In 1976, the Health, Education and Welfare Department conducted a study and reported the Teen Challenge Program had an 86% success rate.

The program is based on four principles: (1) There is hope for the alcoholic or drug abuser; (2) The root problem of addiction is man's separation from God (sin) not drugs; (3) The only cure for that problem is for the addict to know Jesus Christ, God's Son; and (4) Christ within a person changes his/her desires.

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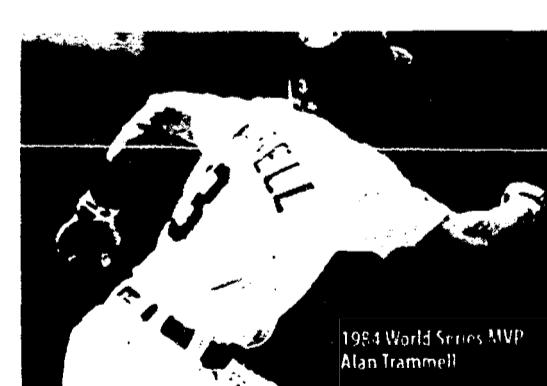
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**OBITUARIES****Ralph Hanson Routier**

Ralph Hanson Routier, 79, died June 27 after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Mr. Routier was born and raised in Detroit, spending all the summers and holidays of his youth with his many friends as well as the many members of his family who lived in Grayling.

He attended the University of Southern California and also had one year of law school. During World War II he served first as an enlisted man, then as a commissioned officer in the European Theater, earning two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. He was then recalled for service in the Korean conflict. Afterwards, he became an insurance broker with Sinclair-Dwyer Co., of San Francisco, California until he retired in 1985.

Survivors include: his wife, Ellen; one son Robert (Karen) Routier of Alpharetta, Georgia; one daughter, Michele of California; one stepson, Robert (Denise) McCoy of San Antonio, Texas; two grandchildren, Stephanie and Raymond Routier of Alpharetta, Georgia; five cousins.

Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

There will be a memorial service in late October at the family home in Saddle Brook.

Memorial contributions may be made to Via Aguilera House, 4740 Via Aguilera St., Tucson, Arizona 85745, where the deceased was treated with respect and tender, loving care for his final 3 1/2 months of life.

Courtesy of Jack Hull.

Harold (Hal) Southard

Harold Southard, 78, of Grayling, died June 30 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mr. Southard was born August 2, 1920 in Mount Vernon, Ohio to William Carlton Southard and Edythe Fern (Culp) Southard A.K.A. Edythe Fern Melrose "The Lady of Charm." He married Gretchen Evelyn Bates, February 14, 1942 in Detroit.

Mr. Southard was a veteran of World War II, serving in the army. He was self-employed as a custom home builder and a real estate broker specializing in river frontage and large tracts.

Hal's hopes and dreams centered around the AuSable River and his family since the early 1940s: family vacations rustic tent camping and fishing the hex hatch, a river cabin, river/woods real estate sales. Finally residency and the purchase of Ray's/The Fly Factory in 1979 brought the family together in the AuSable River Valley as he had envisioned.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Will Carlton and Edythe Webster; one brother, Warren Southard; one son, Brian Southard; one grandchild, Mariah Southard.

Survivors include: his wife, Gretchen of Grayling; one son, Steve (Cecilia) Southard of Grayling; two daughters, E. Carol (Alex) Marenko of Grayling and Nancy Birnie-Visscher of Cadillac; seven grandchildren, Barbara (Mark) Fitzgerald-Doyal of East Lansing, Robert (Leslie) Fitzgerald of White Lake Township, Lhara and Ryone Birnie-Visscher of Traverse City, Kathleen, Lucas and Andrea Southard of Grayling; one great-grandchild, Kathryn Doyal of East Lansing.

Memorial services were held July 3 at the Michelson Memorial Methodist Church with Reverend Jeff Jagers officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to the AuSable River Restoration Committee, 501 Norway St., Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

David W. Bearss

David W. Bearss, 86, of Frederic, died July 14 at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Mr. Bearss was born June 26, 1913 in Casnovia to Ira and Mina (Muma) Bearss. He married Elida Johnson, December 24, 1935 in Grand Rapids. Mr. Bearss was the head electrician at Camp Grayling for 10 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Frederic. He also enjoyed fishing.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Elida.

Survivors include: four sons, Richard (Donna) Bearss of Phoenix, Arizona, John (Carole) Bearss of Alexandria, Virginia, Chuck (Becky) Bearss of Palm Coast, Florida, Dave (Diane) Bearss of Saginaw; five grandchildren, Rick Bearss, Heidi Bearss, Jeremy (Jenny) Bearss, Amanda Bearss, Alyssa Bearss; one great-grandchild, Jonathan Bearss; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 17 at the First Baptist Church of Frederic with Reverend Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Amelia J. (Amy) Starr

Amelia J. Starr, 58, of Grayling, died July 16 at her home.

Mrs. Starr was born July 10, 1941 in Detroit to Walter L. and Dorothy C. (Kinsey) Christie. She has been a Grayling resident for the past 25 years and worked as a bartender in several area clubs and restaurants. Mrs. Starr also loved to fish, hunt and participate in outdoor activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include: her husband, Lynn K. Starr of Grayling; two sisters, Denise (Bert) Jago of Romeo and Lisa (John) Allen of Traverse City; six step-children.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 24 at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Grayling with Pastor Robert Faber officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Gladys I. Damoth

Gladys I. Damoth, 81, of Grayling, died July 19 at her home.

Mrs. Damoth was born July 26, 1917 in Flint to Floyd A. and Henrietta (Cassidy) Dye. She married Marshall D. Damoth and they moved to South Branch Township in 1975. The couple moved to Grayling in 1987.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Henrietta Dye and one brother, Floyd Dye.

Survivors include: her husband, Marshall D. Damoth of Grayling; two daughters, Ginger(Robert) Flowers of Flushing and Jackie Flick of Flushing; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

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Amanda M. Whitlock, of Roscommon and Lisa A. Hughes of Lewiston, have been named to the Dean's List for the Winter 1999 semester. Dean's List students have maintained at least 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Lake Superior State University

Julie Ann Gingerick of Grayling has been named to the LSSU Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester. Dean's List students have maintained at least 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Kirtland Community College

The following students were named to the President's List. These full time students have a current semester grade point average of 3.800 to 4.00.

Kristi Babcock - Mio
Jeremy Colby - Grayling
Nicole Craigie - Grayling
Dennis Freese - Roscommon
Sara Gusler - Mio
Shirley Keesler - Roscommon
Kristine Kemp - Luzerne
Christina Kenney - Grayling
Jason Knapp - Higgins Lake
Todd Lambert - Roscommon
Benjamin Lowe - Grayling
Kimberly Meadows - Luzerne
Verden Meglibay - Roscommon
Lee Pence - Roscommon
Christine Pettit - Roscommon
Sandra Riedner - Grayling
Brenda Rinke - Mio
Karrie Soleau - Roscommon
Rhonda Whitlock - Roscommon

Kirtland Community College

The following students were named to the Dean's List. These full time students have a current semester grade point average of 3.400-3.799.

Cory Adams - Roscommon
Jeannie Argue - Grayling
Charity Balcom - Roscommon
Michael Bobenmoyer - Grayling

Kathy Brown - Mio
Kate Brunsill - Lewiston
Shelli Entrup - Roscommon
Michel Frye - Roscommon
Grace Galvani - Grayling
Bobbie Jo Gorder - Luzerne
Melanie Green - Grayling
Shawnna Jaskiewicz - Roscommon

Susie Johnson - Mio
Tara Kaninsky - Lewiston
Stacey Kean - Higgins Lake
Kerry Lahsley - Grayling
Krysta Lowe - Grayling

Amber Matthews - Mio
Laura Mead - Grayling
Deborah Nolan - Luzerne
Deborah Schreiner - Grayling
Melanie Shingledecker - Roscommon

Melanie Soper - Grayling
Timothy St. Onge - Roscommon
Nicole Strohpaul - Grayling
Thomas Thatcher - Roscommon

Tanya Yoder - Mio
Nicole Zajkowski - Mio
Carol Zurawski - Roscommon

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Spring Arbor College

Carol Rice of Grayling was awarded her degree in Family Life Education from Spring Arbor College at the commencement exercises held in May.

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Stupak praises trunk latch study

Less than a year after Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee), called for a study on vehicle trunk latch releases, an independent panel formed by a federal agency has recommended that latch releases be standard equipment on passenger cars by 2001.

That recommendation was announced by the Expert Panel on Trunk Entrapment, headed by Heather Paul, executive director of National SAFE KIDS Campaign.

Paul had formed the panel - made up of experts of a variety of fields, including psychiatry, law enforcement, health and medicine, safety advocacy, and the automotive and toy industries - at the request of the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. NHTSA, in turn, was directed to study the issue by Stupak's legislative language included in the TEA-21 Transportation Bill, signed into law last June.

Although the law called for NHTSA to complete the study in 18 months, the deaths of 11 children last summer prompted Stupak to write Ricardo Martinez, NHTSA administrator, and ask that the study be put on a fast track.

"The city of Washington and much of the United States is experiencing record heat, the kind of deadly heat that contributed to the deaths of 11 children locked in

trunks last summer," Stupak said today. "I am hopeful that our combined efforts will contribute to preventing such needless deaths in the future."

Stupak praised the efforts of the panel, singling out the work of California resident Janette Fennell, a carjacking victim who has led a national crusade to spotlight the need for trunk latch releases.

Stupak was introduced to Fennell by former Marinette, Wisconsin police chief Patrick Ravet, a friend of Stupak's and a law enforcement colleague who was concerned about this issue because of kidnapping incidents in his home town.

He also praised General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler, who have announced that trunk latch releases would be made available as standard equipment or options on future models.

"I am pleased these automotive industry leaders have recognized the need for this safety feature and have moved to voluntarily equip their vehicles with trunk latch releases," Stupak said.

In addition to making latch releases standard, the panel has also recommended that automakers offer latch release kits available to retrofit earlier models, and that an industry standard be established for trunk latch releases.

Selective Service honors 100,000th Internet registrant

The Selective Service System (SSS) registered its 100,000th man via the Internet recently.

At a ceremony in Texas, 18-year-old Derek Gordon of Brooklyn, New York was honored as the 100,000th man to register on-line since December 1998, when SSS began the program.

Gordon was honored during

Selective Service System's biennial training conference held the week of June 28 in San Antonio.

"This is proof that Internet registration is a huge success, and growing," said Selective Service Director Gil Coronado. "In just over six months, 100,000 young men have registered using computers."

Gordon simply logged onto the

Selective Service web site at: www.sss.gov, keyed in some basic information, and instantly received his Selective Service registration number.

Men can also register at any local post office by completing a simple card, or they may fill out and return a card they get in the mail.

By law, men are required to register within 30 days of reaching age 18. Approximately 4,000 Internet registrations are received each week.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 registration cards arrive at the Selective

Service Data Management Center in Illinois every week.

According to Coronado, by having the names and addresses of men ages 18 through 25 on file in the Selective Service System database, America remains ready to face any threat.

Millions of young men have registered since registration was reinstated in 1980, but none have been drafted. The last draft ended in 1973.

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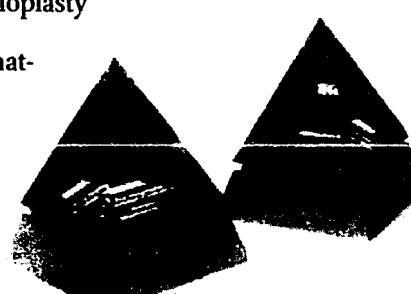
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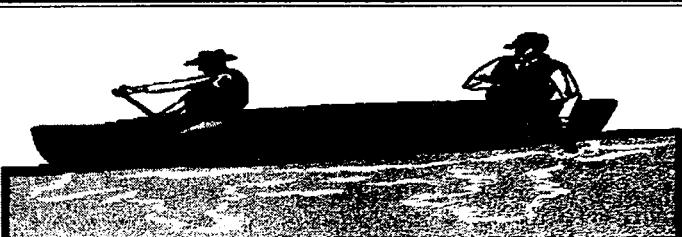
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A Photobiography for Geraldine Lerg; *Stealing Freedom* for Jerry Plutko; *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* for Brock McLanahan; *The AuSable River* for Betty Steele; *In My Enemy's House* for Rita Wagar; and *Sarny* for Marlene Lippard.

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Jesse Besser Museum opens Charm Quilt exhibit

Plan to take time for a charming experience at the Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena this summer.

A premier exhibition of a variety of quilts featured in a new book titled *Charm Quilts* by Beth Donaldson opened at the Museum July 11 with a special "Meet the Artists" public reception.

Charm Quilts, the exhibit, is made possible with assistance from Pat Yantomasi and Alpena's "Gone to Pieces Quilt Guild."

Beth Donaldson, a quilter, writer and teacher, resides in Lansing and is, among other things, the current quilter in residence at the Michigan State University Museum.

Charm Quilts and "square sharing" is an American quilting tradition dating back to the late 19th century and was revived by quilters across the United States in the 1990's.

Charm Quilts are about friendship and fabric. Quilters send each other fabric swatches instead of birthday gifts or flowers, allowing them to create quilts from many different fabrics.

One quilt on display was created by Phyllis O'Connor. It contains 3,456 triangles cut from the same amount of different fabrics. Titled *She Runs Hot and Cold*, her quilt is pieced in warm colors on one side and cool colors on the other. The placement of pieces by color and value creates a pattern of squares within squares.

Members of the Capital City Quilt Guild in Lansing made the *Charm Quilts* in the exhibit, representing a variety of talents, colors and shapes. Now, the 50-member Alpena group has been inspired by the exhibit to begin a year of exchanging "charms" while making small quilts using a different one-patch shape each month.

The *Charm Quilt* exhibit closes August 31. The Jesse Besser Museum is located at 491 Johnson Street in Alpena. For more information contact Robert Haltiner at (517) 356-2202.

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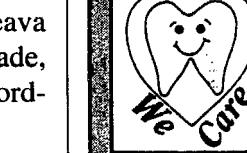
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VIEWPOINT

Why we need to close more military bases

by U. S. Senator Carl Levin

This year, for the third straight year, Secretary of Defense Cohen and the Joint Chiefs of Staff strongly urged the Congress to let the Department of Defense close bases it no longer needs. Once again, Congress has refused to act. During Senate consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2000 last month, Senator John McCain and I offered an amendment to resume the unfinished business of closing excess military bases. Our amendment would have authorized one additional base closure round in 2001, after the new administration takes office. Unfortunately, our amendment was defeated, but we will be back because the problem won't go away on its own: we need to close more bases and we need legislation to do it.

The choice is simple. The Secretary of Defense and our senior military leaders have told us we can close military bases we do not need, or we can keep them open and rob our military of resources they need to fight and win future wars and maintain the

peace. Refusing to allow any more bases to be closed may look like a painless solution, but it is not. Every dollar we spend of bases we don't need is a dollar we cannot spend on things we do need, such as replacing old weapons systems, incorporating new technology to ensure our success in future conflicts, and improving the quality of life of our men and women in uniform.

The Defense Department estimates that the four previous rounds of base closures will produce \$14.5 billion in net savings by 2001, when all of the previous base closures will be completed. Even more significant is that the recurring savings will be \$5.7 billion each and every year thereafter. We are already depending on those savings. Authorizing base closures to eliminate the excess capacity that still remains in the Defense Department can be expected to save \$3 billion each and every year once fully implemented, and we need those savings too.

DOD's extensive 1998 study of the previous round of base closure reinforced two key facts: DOD

has too many bases, and closing bases saves substantial amounts of money. Both the Congressional Budget Office and the General Accounting Office agree with these basic conclusions.

DOD's own figures show that by 2003: the Army will have reduced the personnel at its classroom training commands by 43 percent, while classroom space will have been reduced by only seven percent; the Air Force will have reduced the number of fighters and other small aircraft by 53 percent since 1989, while the base structure for those aircraft will be only 35 percent smaller; and the Navy will have 33 percent more hangars for its aircraft than it requires.

Earlier this month, the Joint Chiefs of Staff made their views crystal clear. They said: "Simply stated our military judgment is that further base closures are absolutely necessary."

Congress should not use the current budget surplus or defense funding increases as an excuse to avoid making tough choices. We cannot justify spending more for national defense unless we show our own willingness to make the best use of defense dollars by reducing unneeded defense infrastructure. Ironically, many of the same people who criticize President Clinton for not increasing the defense budget even more than he already has are the most vocal opponents of this opportunity to redirect the money we are

spending on unneeded bases to higher defense priorities.

Nobody likes closing bases. Certainly Michigan has already felt the sting of the base closure process. Thankfully our communities are making progress in recovering. But as the elected representatives of the American people, Congress has an obligation to do what is in the best interest of the nation and the health of our armed forces. We need to structure our military to meet the threats of the future such as terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and information warfare, not to fight the last war or preserve jobs.

A decade ago, under the leadership of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Congress had the vision and courage to start the base closure process. The Defense Department would be facing enormous financial problems today if they were not able to count on the billions of dollars in savings from the previous base closure rounds.

Closing unneeded bases is an essential part of building the lighter, more mobile, capable military we need to respond to the increasingly diverse and complex challenges to our security in the future.

Congress must demonstrate the same vision and courage that we showed ten years ago when we started the base closure process. It is time to finish the job, and I intend to keep raising this issue until we do.

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Signed,

Jim Dutmers
Chairman, Empire Bank



HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

LAWN MOWER SAFETY

Question: My son lets children play in the yard while he cuts the grass. I don't think this is a good idea. Do you know any safety rules for grass cutting parents? He thinks that accidents with mowers happen very infrequently. Is he right?

Signed: Mower's mother

Answer: In this case, mother is right once again. Lawn mower accidents are far too common. According to the U.S. Product Safety Commission, 230,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year for injuries related to lawn and garden equipment. Some other startling statistics:

- More than 800 young children are run over by riding lawn mowers each year.

- About 75 people are killed and 20,000 injured either on a riding lawn mower/garden tractor or by being near one.

- One out of every five deaths involving lawn mowers is a child.

These numbers are even more frightening when you realize that lawn mower season in many parts of the country, including ours, is relatively short. Injuries are so

common that the Consumer Product Safety Commission reminds consumers to practice safety and common sense when working in yards and gardens. They advise the following:

- Never allow the children in the yard while mowing.
- Never allow children to ride on a lawn mower.
- Never assume you know where your child is. BE ALERT!!

- If a child enters the yard, turn off the mower.

- Keep children away from all power equipment. Many are burned by touching a hot muffler or engine.

- Keep garden equipment and mowers well maintained with all safety guards in place.

- Most importantly, check the area for rocks, metal debris, glass, sticks, nails and wire. These items can injure or even kill a bystander when thrown by mowers.

- Make sure extension cords are in good condition and rated for use outdoors. Even so, don't use electrical equipment in wet or damp conditions.

- Don't leave power equipment unattended unless turned off and inoperable.

- Don't fill a gas tank with machinery running or hot. Store gasoline in approved containers away from the house. Don't smoke or use any flame around gasoline.

Although these seem like a lot of rules to follow, it is important to do so to prevent very serious accidents. They take just a little bit of thought but are well worth the effort.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: Do not assume that the other fellow has intelligence equal to yours. He may have more!

Schedule of Activities at the Senior Center:

July 21 - Hearing Clinic from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; COA Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

July 22 - Blood pressure and sugar check, from 11 a.m. - noon; Senior Day at the Crawford County Fair. Free admission, special bingo games in the white pavilion, judging of the Craft Show, and judging of the baking. Crafters may take their items to Eva at the Center no later than July 21. Baked goods may also be given to Eva the day before the judging. Crafts and baked goods may be delivered to the fairgrounds - no later than 10 a.m. Thursday morning. Judging will be between 11 a.m. and noon.

July 23 - SHARE pick-up at the RLDS church from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m. at the Center

July 25 - Sunday Potluck at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome, just bring a dish to pass and your tableware.

Meals are available at the Senior Center at noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday every week. Friday, there is a meal at noon only.

July Menu

- 21 - Roast Beef/Roast Chicken
- 22 - Stuffed Peppers/Tuna and Noodles
- 23 - Connecticut Ham/no dinner
- 26 - Beef Tips & Noodles/Turkey and Dressing
- 27 - Salisbury Steak/Kielbasa and Kraut
- 28 - Roast Pork/Herbed Chicken
- 29 - Meatloaf/Beef Chop Suey
- 30 - Swiss Steak/no dinner

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- If an electric line falls, keep away from it and call Consumers Energy immediately at 1-800-477-5050.

- When buying or making a kite, make sure it is constructed of wood, plastic or paper -- do not use anything metallic.

- Use dry string when flying your kite, not wire or anything metallic.
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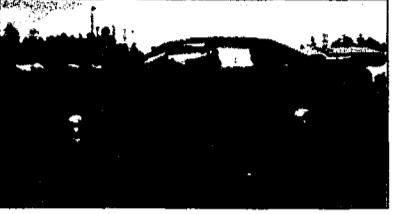
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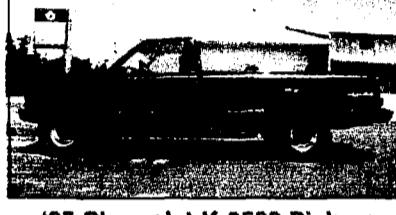
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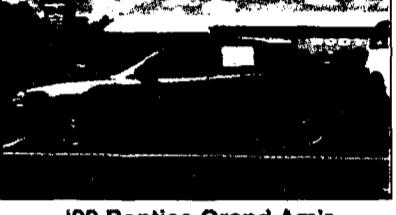
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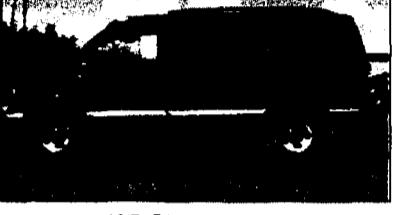
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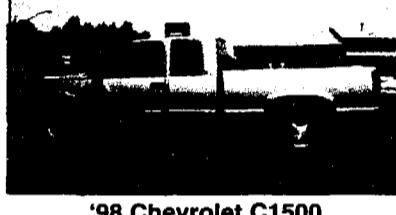
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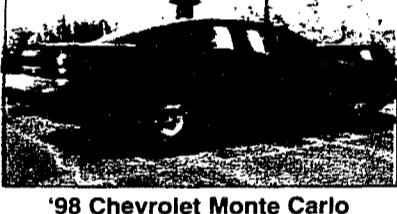
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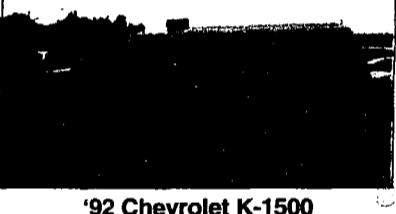
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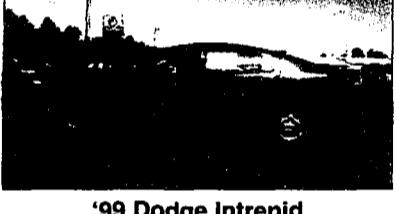
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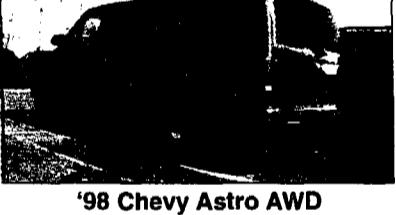
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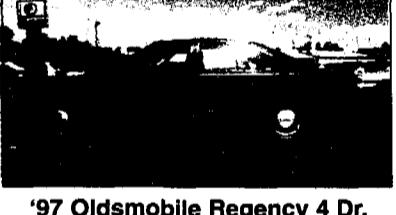
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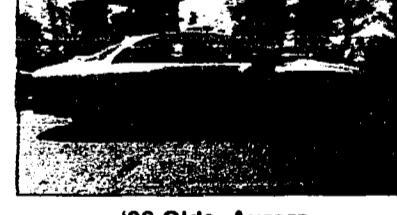
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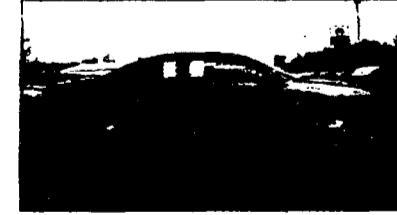
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Michigan's 1998 drunk driving audit released

Drunk driving arrests increased in 1998, according to the just-released 1998 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit.

The audit, distributed by the Michigan State Police, Central Records Division, contains statewide and county information regarding drunk driving arrests and crashes, as well as the convictions taking place when the cases are brought to court.

In 1998 there were 60,971 alcohol-related arrests in Michigan, compared to 60,665 in 1997. However, 1984 still remains the leading year in drunk driving arrests with 79,812.

Drunk driving arrests in the upper peninsula decreased by 79, while arrests in the lower peninsula increased by 385.

Two of Michigan's 83 counties showed a significant arrest increase with Macomb County increasing from 4,768 in 1997 to 5,270 in 1998, and Oakland County increasing from 6,800 in 1997 to 6,996 in 1998.

Men continue to far outnumber women in drunk driving arrests. In 1998, 82 percent of those charged with an alcohol-related driving offense were male, down slightly from 83 percent in 1997. Youth arrests under the "Zero Tolerance" law increased six percent from 1997 to 1998.

Of the 60,971 arrests for Operating under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor (OUIL), 45,225 tested at .10 BAC or higher, the legal intoxication level. The Department of State provides the resulting conviction (arrest disposition) data for this report from information furnished by the courts. In 1998 there were:

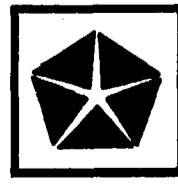
- 26,656 persons convicted of OUIL or Unlawful Bodily Alcohol Content (UBAC);
- 30,603 persons convicted for the lesser offense of Operating While Impaired;
- 39 persons convicted for OUIL resulting in death;
- 91 persons convicted for OUIL resulting in a serious injury;
- 1,820 persons convicted under the "Zero Tolerance" law;
- Two persons convicted of the Commercial Driver License offense of having .04 BAC while operating a commercial motor vehicle.

Overall, traffic fatalities declined in 1998, down 5.5 percentage points from 1997. There were 1,367 traffic fatalities in Michigan last year. Of those, approximately 38 percent were alcohol-involved fatal crashes; 525 persons died in 1998 as compared to 544 in 1997.

How does Crawford County compare?

Crawford County had 120 OUIL arrests in 1998. In comparison, Roscommon County had 286, Kalkaska County had 205, Otsego County had 200, and Oscoda County had 79 OUIL arrests in 1998. The statewide average, according to the Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit, was 735 OUIL arrests.

52nd Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is July 24th & 25th. Look inside the Crawford County Avalanche for the Spectators Guide.



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Marathon favorites win Paddler's Tribute race

■ Corbin and Kolka paddle to victory in Spike's Challenge C-2 canoe race

Nearly 50 of North America's top marathon canoe racing teams competed Sunday in the Spike's Challenge C-2 Paddler's Tribute race, the final warm-up before this weekend's \$50,000 AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The weather was excellent and river conditions were favorable for the race, which is co-sponsored by Grayling Restaurant and Buccilli's Pizza of Grayling.

Serge Corbin of Quebec and Jeff Kolka of Grayling paddled an impressive race on their way to victory, covering the AuSable River course from Ray's Canoe Livery to McMasters Bridge in two hours, 37 minutes, and 28 seconds.

Kolka and Corbin, the three-time defending AuSable River Marathon champs, will be trying for an unprecedented fourth consecutive victory at this weekend's marathon.

Second at the Spike's Challenge, nearly two-and-a-half minutes behind the winners, was the team that is widely considered to have the best chance to upset the AuSable Marathon champs: Bill Torongo of Roscommon and Patrick Lynch of Quebec.

Lynch, a marathon champ with Grayling's Jim Harwood in 1995, is often ranked just behind Corbin, who has reigned as North America's top marathon canoe racer for over two decades. Torongo, who has several second place finishes in the AuSable Marathon, is gunning for his first victory.

Third place at the Spike's Challenge went to a father/son team: Ken Kolonich of Eaton Rapids and Steve Kolonich of East Lansing. The Kolonich's have been among the top AuSable Marathon finishers during the last several years.

Fourth were Tim Triebold of Concord and partner Matthew Rimer of Horton. Rounding out the top five finishers were Ted Kolka of Grayling and Tim Valko of Pinckney.

All of the top five teams will be battling at the \$50,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, which starts in Grayling at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 24.

(Complete results of the Paddler's Tribute C-2 race, as well as the C-1 results, are listed below.)



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

The team of Patrick Lynch and Bill Torongo (above) took second place out of 49 teams competing in last Sunday's Spike's Challenge Paddler's Tribute C-2 race. Serge Corbin and Jeff Kolka won the event, which went from Ray's to McMasters.

1999 Spike's Challenge race

Results of July 18 Paddler's Tribute C-2 race

Place/Paddlers/Time (A=Amateur)

1. Jeff Kolka, Serge Corbin	2:37:28
2. Bill Torongo, Patrick Lynch	2:39:53
3. Ken Kolonich, Steve Kolonich	2:42:46
4. Tim Triebold, Matthew Rimer	2:44:50
5. Ted Kolka, Tim Valko	2:45:05
6. Bruce Barton, Steve Lajoie	2:47:44
7. Rick Joy, Jim Harwood	2:47:47
8. Matt Ashton, Mo Harwood	2:48:11
9. Clark Kent, Steve Watson	2:48:35
10. Dan Klinkhamer, Bill DuBois	2:49:46
11. Jeff Kassuba, Mike Montgomery	2:50:53
12. Dan Gray, Matt Gary	2:52:49
13. Randy Drake, Mike Devine	2:52:56
14. Tim Sheldon, David Teddy	2:54:06
15. Christian Mongrain, Francois Dagenais	2:55:48
16. Tom Cannon, Carrie Montgomery	2:57:31
17. Fred Mills, Joseph Seifert	2:57:42
18. Jon Webb, Dragan Olajdzija	2:57:50
19. Al Widing Sr., Bob Bradford	2:58:15
20. Ray Yehl, Connie Cannon	2:58:45



'99 Paddler's Tribute competition

Results for Saturday, July 17 C-1 canoe race

Place/Paddlers/Time

1. Ken Kolonich	0:43:37
2. Tom Cannon	0:44:22
3. John Webb	0:45:10
4. Mike Devine	0:45:29
5. John Kasile	0:45:34
6. William Fick	0:45:37
7. Dan Klinkhamer	0:45:41
8. Dan Gary	0:45:42
9. Dragan Olajdzija	0:46:14
10. Ray Yehl	0:46:36
11. Tim Sheldon	0:46:37
12. Randy Drake	0:46:42
13. Mark Rimer	0:46:58
14. Connie Cannon	0:47:15
15. David Teddy	0:47:25
16. Jeff Stevens	0:47:39
17. John Hollands	0:47:43
18. Tad Hill	0:47:44
19. Bill DuBois	0:47:49
20. Mike Hartman	0:47:49
21. John Nemeth	0:47:54
22. Joe Shaw	0:47:56
23. Dwight Walker	0:48:04
24. Mark Bialek	0:48:31
25. Phil Trudgeon	0:49:43
26. Eric Podjasko	0:48:45
27. Sean Munn	0:50:53
28. Terry Curley	0:51:04
29. David Sabin	0:51:08
30. Burt Poland	0:51:56
31. Jacob DuBois	0:52:10



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Anticipation builds for '99 AuSable Canoe Marathon

■ Sprints for position to be held Thursday and Friday, race starts Friday night

has dominated canoe racing to an extent unmatched by any other competitor in any sport. With a variety of partners, he has amassed 55 victories in 23 years at the three major races that make up the Triple Crown.

In 1992, Corbin teamed with Michigan's Brett Stockton to win all three races and the Triple Crown championship. In 1993 and 1994, he repeated the three-race sweep feat with Solomon Carriere of Saskatchewan.

Corbin and Carriere took the Triple Crown championship again in 1995, winning in New York, while finishing third at the AuSable Marathon and second at Quebec's LaClassique. In 1996-97-98, Corbin did not paddle all three races with the same partner, but the result was "classic" Corbin: he took the Triple Crown championship, sweeping all three Triple Crown races.

Quebec's Corbin is on a pace to continue his Triple Crown championship streak this year, having won the first leg, New York's General Clinton race with Quebec's Normand Mainguy. Jeff Kolka, a Grayling hometown favorite, will be teaming with Corbin at the '99 AuSable Canoe Marathon as the pair attempt an unprecedented fourth consecutive AuSable Marathon victory, having taken the top prize in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Chasing Corbin in 1999 Triple Crown standings and also expected to challenge him on the tough AuSable Canoe Marathon course is Patrick Lynch of Quebec. Lynch, a Marathon champ with Grayling's Jim Harwood in 1995, is ranked just behind Corbin by most canoe racing observers and often battles Corbin for the top prize.

At a race in their native Quebec a little more than a week ago, Lynch, Corbin and their respective partners squared off in the regional championship race, with Lynch emerging as the winner. Teamming with Lynch to challenge the tough Corbin/Kolka duo is Bill Torongo of Roscommon, a savvy competitor who has several AuSable Marathon second place finishes

and is gunning for his first AuSable victory.

Jim Harwood of Grayling, a 1995 AuSable champ with Lynch, and partner Rick Joy of Silverwood, are expected to be among the teams that will join in giving the favorites a battle to the finish line. Also expected to be in the lead pack of canoes on Sunday are a father/son team: Ken Kolonich of Eaton Rapids and Steven Kolonich of Lansing. The Kolonich's have been among the top AuSable Marathon finishers during the last several years.

While quite number of fans follow and cheer on the lead teams through the race, many others among the more than 50,000 spectators will be cheering for Al Widing Sr. of Mio.

Widing, 74, has entered and finished more Marathons than anyone and finished as high as second three times. Fans marvel at Widing's endurance and steady paddling, as he beats paddlers a quarter his age.

This year Widing will be racing with Robert Bradford of Lapeer. Bradford has raced in nine previous Marathons. He won the amateur division in 1986, and set an age record in 1997 for fastest Marathon time by a 54-year-old.

A field of 58 teams from 17 U.S. states and Canadian provinces have entered to compete in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The Marathon covers 120 river miles and over 50,000 paddle strokes, non-stop from the start in Grayling to the finish line in Oscoda.

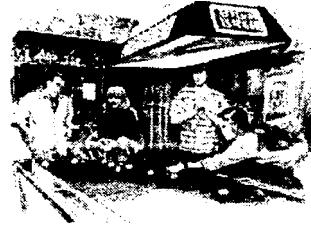
The racing action gets underway at Penrod's with the AuSable Marathon Sprints for Position on Thursday, July 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The sprints are much like Indy 500 qualifying: Each team paddles a short looped course, and their time determines their starting row position for the Le Mans-style run to the river on Saturday.

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MERRITT SPEEDWAY

Young Dustin Urbach, son of racer Brad Urbach, started the Canadian Night by Action Auto Parts evening at Merritt Speedway by playing the Canadian National Anthem on his horn for the crowd. Steve Hilliker then sang the National Anthem and racing started.

Due to the rain that didn't stop until 3 p.m. there were no time trials and all races were lined up by points. There were some newcomers that fell victim to this plan but it was unavoidable as we all know you can't fool with Mother Nature.

Joe Johnson led the first 2/3 of the Late Model feature and was passed by Frank Seder as they worked their way thru lapped traffic. Johnson got him back once but Seder took over a couple laps later and went on to win one of the most exciting features of the season. Mark Pomranky took third followed by Don Marcoulier, Scott Goyng, Eric Spangler, Matt Sprague, Bob Flinn, Garry

McKinley and Bruce Vance. Flinn won the "B" main ahead of Chad Foster and Greg Stokes. Kevin Freed, Flinn, Don Hawley and Pomranky were the heat winners. In the dash it was Seder, Spangler, Sprague and Marcoulier.

Jerry Bazuin finally won his first feature of the year when he won the Michigan Modified feature. Allen Markel had the early lead but pitted giving the lead to Rich Robinson Jr. only to see him pit a couple laps later giving the lead to Bazuin who stayed in front to take the win. Dennis Boyce, Greg Wangler, Steve Fowler, Roger Stieg, Brent Banning, Bill Oliver, Steve Grove, Brian Tregeair and Dave Mairose rounded out the top ten. Jim Waldfogel won the "B" main ahead of Steve Grove and Rich Robinson Sr. Mark Tossey won the "C" main over Brad Urbach and Steve Hilliker. Heats went to Jeff DeWitt, Urbach, Jim Waldfogel and Bazuin. Stieg won the dash fol-

lowed by Banning, Wangler and Fowler.

Matt Saxton won the Pro Truck feature followed by Ron Hill, J.T. Anderson, Mark Kaufman, Chad Wright, John Sias, Don Collins, Leonard Ballur, Bill Myers and John Schnieder.

Roger Ransom had worked his way to second only to be sent to the pits with three laps to go because he was smoking. Anderson and Sias won the heats and Rick Abel took the dash ahead of Saxton, Hill and Ransom.

Bob Green won the Street Stock feature ahead of last week's winner Elm Skids, John Taylor, Louie Peterson, Gordy Bundy, Dave DeKam, Tom Hawkins, Bob Gorcyca, Bob Hammar and Dan Williams. DeKam won the "B" main ahead of Brad Siddall and



Williams. Leon Bidoul, Hammar and Gorcyca won the heat races.

Next weekend, July 23 and 24, Merritt will host the 11th Annual Wood Tic 100. Friday night will be Late Model and Michigan Modified time trials and heat races. The Truck Parade will be Friday night also and there will be a live band after the races for everyone's enjoyment.

Saturday will be odd and even features and the Wood Tic 100. The Pro Trucks will be there on Saturday night but there will be no Street Stocks that weekend.

**CHICKS
WITH
STICKS**

by Julie Calkins

Monday, June 12 -- Well, we all recovered from the holiday and hot weather to enjoy an absolutely gorgeous evening.

Nancy Glasslee got a chip-in on hole number 18 taking all the money. We did not see any birdies tonight, just great golf. Denise Parkinson hit an awesome drive and was over the water on hole number 15 in two, so close to a birdie but she ended up paring the hole.

Next week get ready for scrambles ladies, and we will see you on the fairways.

**COUNTRY CLUB NEWS**by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

On Wednesday, July 14, we had another great warm and sunny golf day. My partner tried to forget she was playing with me, but I found her and we sure had a good round, and so did these following gals:

In Flight A, Carlene Englund had a low net of 24 and Connie Gates had low putts of 14.

In Flight B, Ann Latusek had a low net of 32 and there were three with low putts of 16: Jean Arwood, Nancy Hoffman and Ann Latusek.

In Flight C, Ricki Stahl took it all with a low net of 30 and low putts of 15.

In Flight D, Evie Kent also took both with a low net of 27 and low putts of 12.

There were two birdies today, Carlene Englund on #7 and Shirley Parker on #5. There were also three chip-ins, Evie Kent on #1, Joyce Kolka on #4 and Norma Olsen on #5.

The "umbrella" prize this week was won for the longest drive on #9 in Flight D, and that was won by,

who else, Evie Kent.

Had a great lunch of salads, broccoli quiche and chocolate pudding dessert.

Have any of you golfers noticed all the neat little creations Rob Lawe is putting around the course? Flowers at entry, around sidewalks, in stumps, wonder what's next!

Also, all the greenskeepers who mow, fertilize and just make our course "special" are doing a great job.

That's all "fore" now.

FISHING REPORT

Rivers: Olives, grasshoppers and mahoganies are still the main flies right now.

More information is available at The Fly Factory's 24-hour hatchline: 517-348-7108. (Info courtesy of Bob Smock and The Fly Factory.)

Lakes: Walleye fishing is still very good on Lake Margrethe. Between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. is a good time to fish for walleye, and chances increase during late evening, night, and well after dark.

Anglers are also getting good numbers of small mouth bass around the weeds in 20-25 feet of water.

Fishermen are getting some bullheads in the shallows, try fishing around dusk.

Anglers have also been getting



some pike and walleye in Jones Lake.

Try fishing some of the smaller lakes like Frog and Hargrove for bluegill using waxworms or tear drops.

(Info courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE STATE PARK

Join Adventure Ranger Jackie Kelly at South Higgins Lake State Park for any of the following nature-oriented Michigan State Parks Adventure Programs:

Thursday, July 22: **Webs and Weavers:** Learn the characteristics and hunt for them too. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Nature Hike:** Come explore Ridge Trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet across from the campground office.

Friday, July 23: **Pond Exploration:** Learn the difference

HARTWICK PINES

by Sarah Fossati

It has been a great summer so far here at Hartwick Pines and there is still much more ahead! Our next guest will be Wildlife Biologist Larry Visser, who will be presenting a Black Bear program on Friday, July 23 at 8 p.m.

Though a majority of people have heard of the Black Bear, and some have even had encounters with them, most don't know the real truth about these resourceful ani-

mals.

Native to Michigan, the Black Bear proves itself to have a sort of omnipresence as it has been spotted all over the state in usually brief sightings.

Please join us in the Visitor's Center for an evening of fun facts about this incredible.

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Hoop-Fest looking for participants, helpers

Hoop-Fest needs participants and volunteers when it comes to the Milltown Festival this Saturday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hoop-Fest is a way for participants to have fun, shoot a few hoops, maybe win a prize, and most importantly, contribute toward building the new animal shelter in Crawford County.

Brought to the community by the Detroit Pistons, the Michigan Festivals & Events Foundation and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Hoop-Fest will award one lucky winner a party with the Detroit Pistons.

The party includes a Pistons weekend in Auburn Hills with lodging for four people for two nights, four tickets to a regular season Pistons game, dinner for four at the Palace Grille before the game, an autographed Pistons basketball, acknowledgement as the Hoop-Fest grand prize winner during the pre-game presentation, a photo taken with Hooper (the Pistons mascot) and a scholarship to a Year 2000 Pistons Youth Basketball Camp.

And, because Grayling was one of the first ten communities to sign up for Hoop-Fest, tickets purchased for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be held separately so that one boy's name and one girl's name will be drawn from our tickets only to win additional Year 2000

Redskins Football still accepting applications

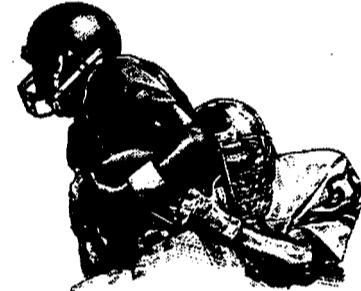
The Grayling Redskins Youth Football Program (for young people in grades 5-8) is currently accepting final sign-ups for players and cheerleaders.

Registration forms can be picked up at Sylvester's and the Glen's Market courtesy counter.

Completed forms can be mailed to the address on the sign-up slip. The cost for players is \$60 if a new jersey is needed, or \$35 if the player already has a jersey from last year.

The cost for cheerleaders is \$30. The league only has 50 spots for cheerleaders this year, so try to submit completed applications as soon as possible.

Sign-ups will also be taken at Family Night, which will be held on Monday, August 2, at 7 p.m. at Redskins Field at the Booster Club Sports Complex at the fairgrounds.



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Gus Macker winners



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Mercy AuSable River 10K Run

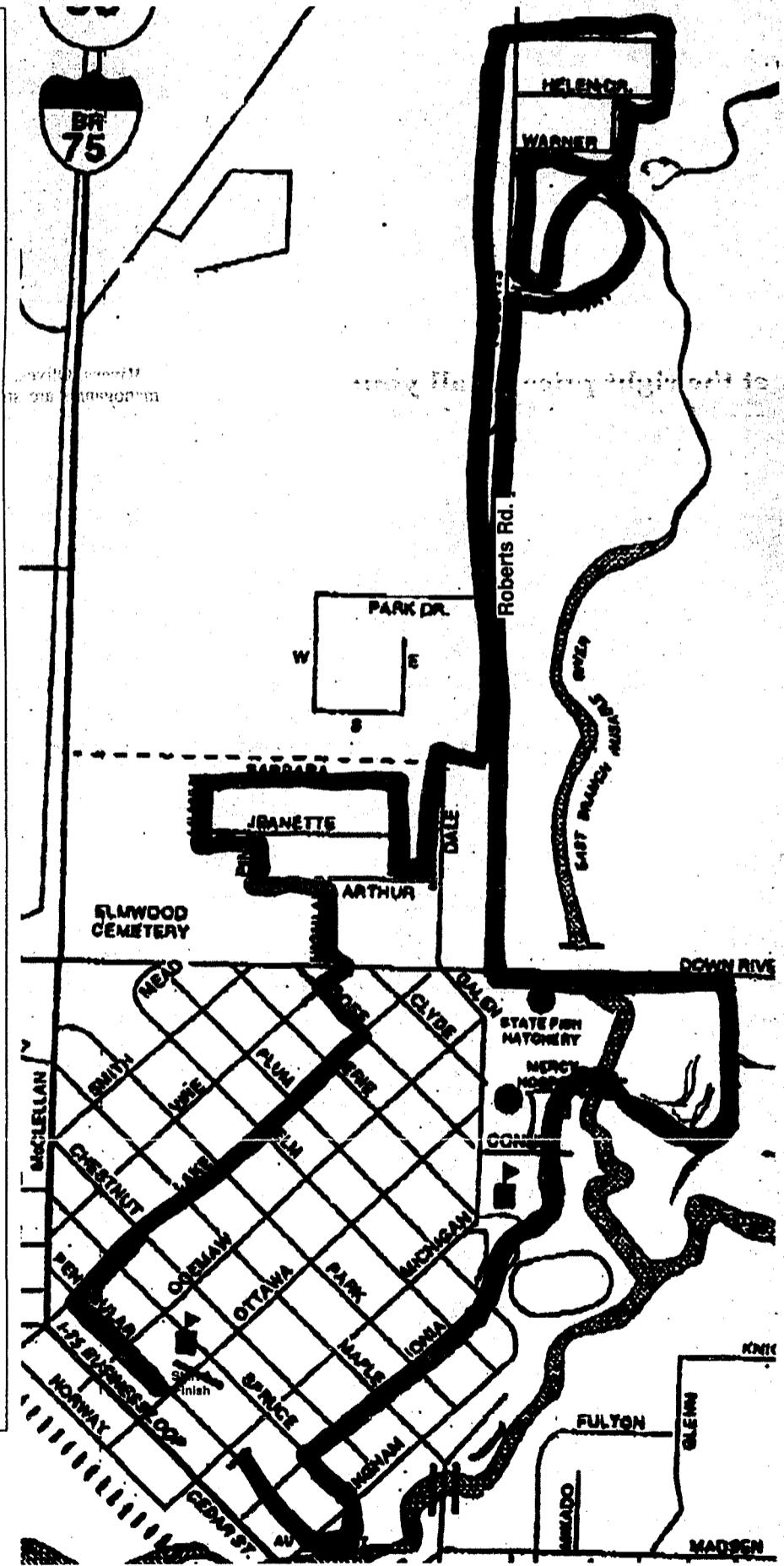
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Hartwick Pines hosts Wood Shaving Days



(Below) Young people lined up to stamp wooden nickels with a heated iron rod, burning a tree-shaped symbol like those used in the old lumbering days into the wood.



(Left) The old lumber mill at Hartwick Pines was up and running for the state park's annual "Wood Shaving Days" festival, which was held on the weekend of July 17-18. Mill workers cut planks on the mill's gigantic saw blade for the benefit of the spectators, who watched with interest. (Below) Wood Shaving Days also featured several booths with hand-made wooden crafts and whittlers.

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(Above) Wood Shaving Days, in addition to showing off hand-made wooden crafts and lumbering demonstrations, featured several blacksmiths, who pounded and shaped heated metal into various forms.



Photos by Caleb Casey
(Left) Always a popular event, Wood Shaving Days featured the hands-on wood-sawing demonstration commonly known as "wooden nickel" cutting. Many young people (and people of all other ages) grabbed an end of the two-man hand saw to cut their own wooden nickel souvenir. Nickels were also stamped with the Hartwick Pines logo.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

BUNIONS

Bunions are one of the most common foot ailments. These red, swollen, sometimes painful bumps near the big toe are a result of hallux valgus, a condition where the big toe rotates toward the second toe. Genetics and shoes can play a role in the development of bunions. The inherited shape and mechanics of some feet make them prone to bunions. Wearing tight or ill-fitting shoes is a major cause of bunions. If a bunion causes persistent pain, a podiatrist may prescribe orthotics (special shoe inserts). Another option is surgical correction. There are more than 100 different surgical treatments of bunions, many of which require the foot and leg to be in a cast and immobilized, perhaps for weeks.

It is important that bunions be recognized early and evaluated by a podiatrist. He or she can then offer several suggestions on control



Sports injury specialist joins N'Orthopedics

N'Orthopedics P.C., of Gaylord and Grayling, welcomes Bradley L. Fowler, M.D., to their orthopedic practice in association with Dr. Robert Halter, Dr. Louis Habryl, and Dr. Angus Goetz.

Dr. Fowler, who begins his practice in August, specializes in the treatment of sports related injuries and ailments. Like his partners at N'Orthopedics, he will have office hours in both Gaylord and Grayling and medical staff privileges at Otsego Memorial Hospital and Grayling Mercy.

N'Orthopedics has been providing orthopedic services to the Gaylord and Grayling areas since 1978 and continues to grow and expand the scope of services offered by its physicians. The full spectrum of orthopedic services, from diagnosis to treatment to rehabilitation is offered in Gaylord.

Dr. Fowler attended medical school at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and completed his orthopedic

residency at Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies. He completed a fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine at the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia, where he was an assistant team physician for the Philadelphia Eagles.

More recently, he has been practicing at Mountain View Orthopedics and Sports Medicine in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

A fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, Dr. Fowler is Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He will practice at the Gaylord and Grayling offices of N'Orthopedics and will concentrate on the areas of sports medicine and arthroscopic surgery.

The doctor and his wife, Ann, along with daughter, Kendall, will be living in Gaylord.

To schedule a consultation with Dr. Fowler or any of the N'Orthopedic surgeons, call (517) 732-1753.

Reunion aids Help Center



HOUGH FAMILY REUNION — Hough family members gathered at the home of Bob and Shirley Young on July 3 for their annual reunion and held a Chinese Auction, raising \$108.50 for the Crawford County Community Help Center. The decision to donate the money to the Center was made by the 64 family members participating in the auction. Help Center Director Gerry Schroeder said the funds will be used to help local needy families.

Bradstreet appointed to telecommunication task force

State Representative Ken Bradstreet, R-Gaylord, has been appointed to the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) Task Force on Telecommunication and Information Technology.

The group is working to ensure truth-in-billing for telecommunications service.

It also is crafting legislation to protect the Internet and electronic commerce from multiple and discriminatory taxation.

"I look forward to this assignment," said Bradstreet, vice chair of the House Energy and Technology

Committee. "Technology will play a pivotal role in the lives of everyone in the 21st century."

The 105th District lawmaker said each ALEC task force discusses important issues and formulates model legislation.

"ALEC has more than 3,000 lawmakers nationwide working together to develop policies that promote limited government, free markets and individual liberty," he said.

Bradstreet was appointed to the bipartisan task force by state Representative Mary Ann Middaugh, R-Paw Paw, Michigan chair of ALEC.

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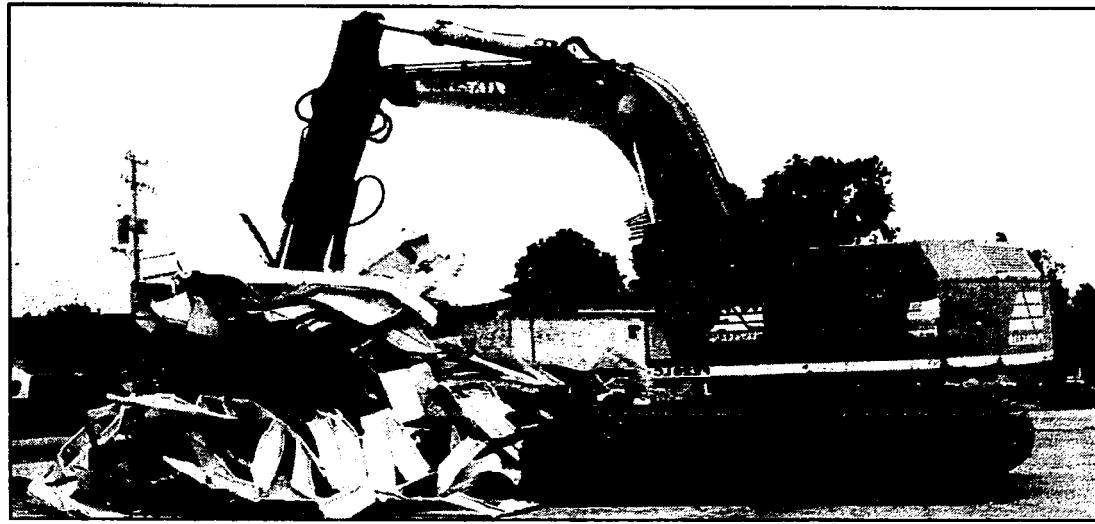
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Grayling Ford demolishes awning



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Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Awareness campaign for substance abuse treatment services begins

A 31-county marketing campaign aimed at providing help for people with alcohol and drug problems has been launched by Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. (NMSAS).

The campaign, which features newspaper, television, radio, billboard and public service advertisements throughout the 31 counties served by NMSAS, started on July 3 and runs through September.

"We are very excited to be getting our message out to the northern and central Michigan population," said NMSAS Executive Director Dennis Priess. "Substance abuse is a major public health problem that affects

people at homes, schools and businesses. Fortunately, research shows that treatment is one of the most effective ways of reducing the social costs of substance abuse.

We're convinced that when people make the call for help, they'll be taking the first step toward help and recovery."

The marketing campaign features stark images and copy that is intended to make substance abusers and their co-dependents aware of the many confidential substance abuse treatment services that are available in northern Michigan. The campaign's slogan is "It's a tough call."

But it's the right call. 1-877-Rite-Call."

The ads describe how NMSAS, in partnership with the Michigan Behavioral Care Network, can give alcohol and drug abusers the help and hope they need. Callers to the toll-free number are told that treatment will be completely confidential, and that financial aid is available for those in need.

NMSAS is a regional agency that organizes substance abuse service delivery systems and contracts with service providers for the provision of care.

For more information, call Priess at (517) 732-1791.

Kuhn and Spears honored at June CENA conference

Nearly 500 Nursing Assistants and other staff from northern Michigan nursing homes gathered in Gaylord in June for a conference sponsored by the Best Practices Northern Michigan Committee.

The conference, titled "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes," was dedicated to honoring the meaningful work of Competency Evaluated Nursing Assistants (CENAs).

"Their commitment and skills are vital components of quality care for elders in nursing homes," said Diane Friedreichsen, Director of Marketing and Community Relations at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

CENAs of distinction were honored at the conference with Nancy Spears and Dennis Kuhn being selected as recipients of the award, both of whom work at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

"I'm not surprised that the Best Practices Committee selected Nancy and Dennis to honor," said Glenda Jacobs, Director of Mercy Manor. "Their commitment to quality care directly relates to increased quality of life for residents of our nursing home. We are proud to have them on our staff."

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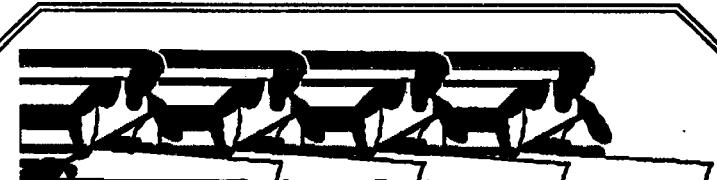
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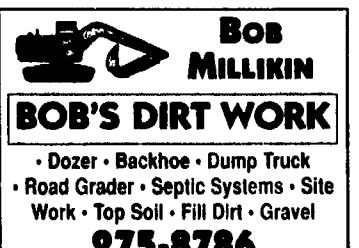
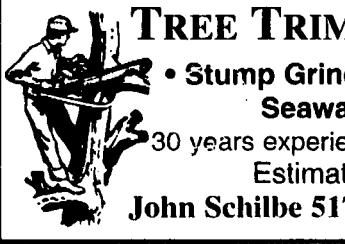
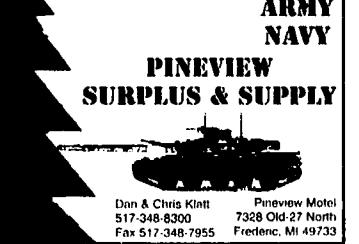
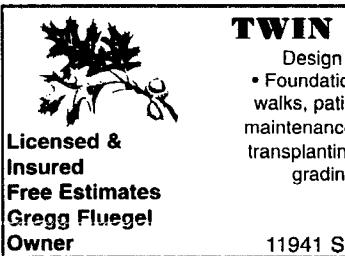
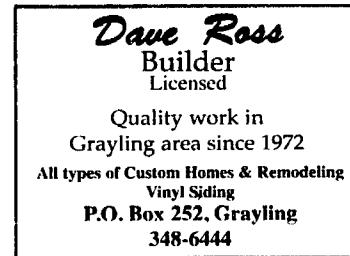
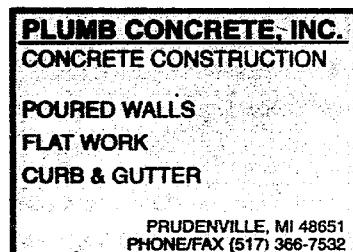
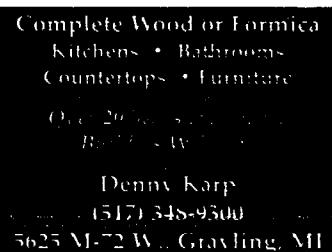
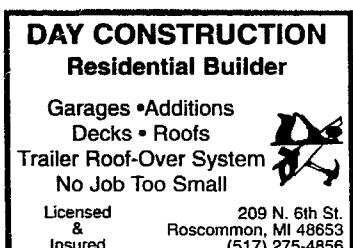
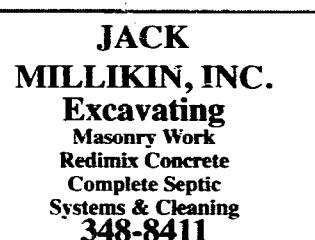


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Classic rock group to headline Interlochen Arts Festival



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Three groups who have won acclaim mixing music genres. Chicago, Free Flight, and Eroica Trio perform at the Interlochen Arts Festival the week of July 26.

Chicago will perform their classic hits beginning at 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 27 in Kresge Auditorium. The legendary "rock n' roll band with horns" have mixed jazz, pop and rock with such favorites as *Saturday in the Park*, *Wishin' You Were Here*,

and *Hard Habit To Break*. Chicago always enjoys performing at Interlochen, perhaps because they always play to an enthusiastic capacity audience -- limited seats available. Ticket prices range from \$21.50 to \$36.50.

Free Flight will be in concert beginning at 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 28 in Corson Auditorium. Their music has successfully mixed classical and jazz, winning over

audiences from both genres. Free Flight also has blended new age and rock elements to their sound, which they perform with technical brilliance, improvisational flair, and strong compositions. Ticket prices are \$20.50.

Eroica Trio performs at 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 27 in Corson. Redefining chamber music, the Eroica Trio are three young talented women who perform with great energy and intensity. "Eroica" is Italian for "heroic" and the trio have indeed taken chances, challenging the notion of what a chamber ensemble should be. The Eroica Trio is glamorous in appearance, joyous in performance, and skillful in mixing timeless and modern classics in their repertoire. Ticket prices are \$20.50.

The camp's High School production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Iolanthe" is at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31 in Kresge. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students 18 and under.

For tickets or more information, contact the Interlochen Box Office at (616) 276-6230. Box office hours are Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased at the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau during their business hours.

Extension office offers forestry class

Attention logging contractors, foresters and landowners that have completed the Sustainable Forestry Education Program, plan on attending the upcoming continuing education SFE program.

The program discussing Timber Cruising is going to be held on August 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oscoda County Extension Office on Court Street in Mio (next to the Courthouse Annex).

The minimum requirement for Michigan Professional Loggers Council (MPLC) is eight hours per company, per year. The wood products industry has yet to set their minimum requirement.

If you have any questions, or would like to register for the program, please call the Crawford County MSU-E Office at (517) 344-3264. There is no charge to attend this program.

Doctor relocates practice

Munson Healthcare announced on July 15 that Internal Medicine physician, William George, M.D., has relocated his practice to Houghton Lake.

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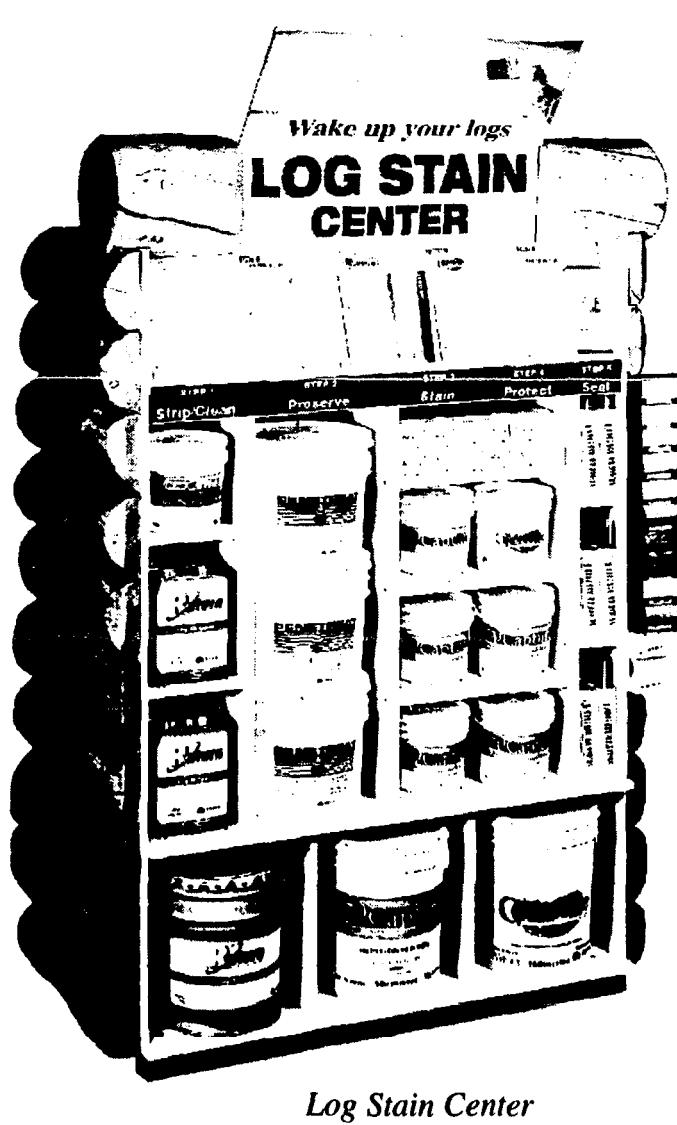
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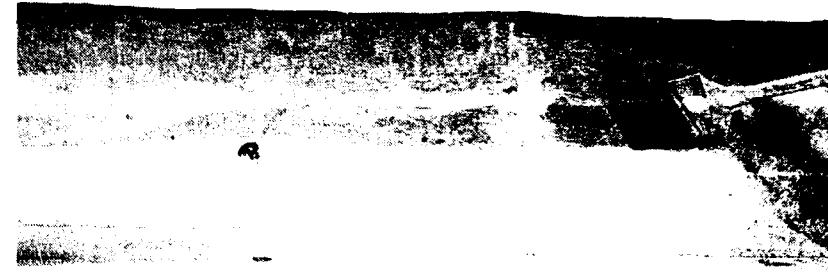


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For The Week Of July 25-31

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March 21-April 20

Early in the week, you may experience dissatisfaction on several levels. Maybe it's time for you to reevaluate your goals and commitments. It's time for you to find solutions to your problems; do not depend on others to take care of them.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

Feeling restless? Spend some time outdoors to relieve some of that tension. Take a walk or eat lunch at the park or the beach. You'll feel that restlessness sliding away, and you can go on with your day with a whole new outlook on life.

Gemini

May 22-June 21

Your analytical abilities are right on this week. It would be a good time for you to tackle a tough problem at home and/or at work. This is a good week for you to analyze the complete situation and come up with a thoughtful solution.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

You will find others are listening when you put your ideas into words, so take advantage of it. Pitch your idea or solution to a problem to someone at work. Take a trip to the library or a book store. A good book is a good way to relax this week.

Leo

July 23-August 23

Break routine! Try something new and different. Head out to the music store and listen to a different artist or style of music. How about taking a cooking class that features recipes besides the standards you are used to whipping up?

Virgo

August 24-September 22

A clear-minded view into your own plans and methods is available to you. Just open your eyes, and you will see it clearly. That makes it a good week for you to make some serious decisions. Communicate your goals clearly.

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Libra

September 23-October 23

Your time with an elderly relative or family friend will prove invaluable. They'll appreciate being able to talk about old times, and you'll gain knowledge and insights into your family. Be patient at home and at work this week.

Scorpio

October 24-November 22

Learn to appreciate your own qualities. You've been kind of down on yourself recently. It's time to pull yourself up out of those doldrums and give yourself some credit where credit is due. Step back and see how much you really give to others.

Sagittarius

November 23-December 21

Let yourself dream a little this week. Think about where you would like to go on vacation. If it's within your reach, go for it. After all, you're long over due for time off from work. A breather is just what you need to help you dream big.

Capricorn

December 22-January 20

Don't let your friends goad you into doing something you really don't want to do. If you let them, you will really be sorry, because it will either tax your time or your willpower. You'll feel so much better if you just stand up to them and do what you want to do.

Aquarius

January 21-February 18

Slow down. You have overbooked your week, which has caused you and your emotions to become a little out of control. Go back to the basics, then work from there. Most importantly, pay attention to your surroundings.

Pisces

February 19-March 20

Be patient with a new coworker who is having problems fitting in. Take time to pass on instructions, criticism and ideas to him/her. Get the gang together and invite the new person to lunch. Your endorsement will be a big help.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Potato Chip Encrusted Rockfish

4 skinless rockfish (striped bass) fillets, 6 oz. each

1 ounce flour

3 oz. buttermilk

2 cups salted plain potato chips, crushed

4 oz. clarified butter

Preheat oven to 350 F. Dredge the rockfish (striped bass) fillets through flour, then buttermilk, and finally crushed potato chips. In a large skillet, heat the clarified butter and brown the fillets on both sides, careful not to burn the potato chips. When brown, place on a baking pan bake at 350 F for approximately 5 minutes or until fillets are done.

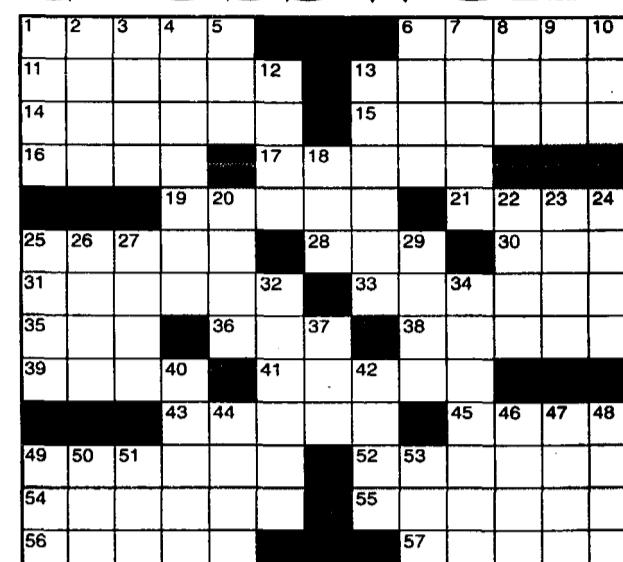
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- Island on Arthur Kill
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- Vane dir.
- loss for words (2 wds.)
- Casement
- Author Frank
- Flo, to Andy Capp
- Transcribe shorthand
- Charge per unit
- Western Indians
- Out of sight
- Get off ____-free
- Ersatz butter
- Hard to find
- Western Union punctuation
- Most cunning
- Deficiency
- Emulate Dorcas
- Tableau
- Ancient harp
- Weeding tools
- Shakespeare's "cream-faced" creature
- I Know Why The Caged Sings*
- Letters' mate
- Auditor: abbr.
- Bundy and Franken
- Barker and Kettle
- Geller's claim to fame: abbr.

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

July 22, 1976

Irreplaceable Crawford County Microfilm records are being stored 85 feet underground in a former gypsum mine near Grand Rapids, where six miles of tunnels have been converted into a storage area. The original microfilm is in the county Register of Deeds Office for daily work, and the duplicate security microfilm records are stored in steel file cabinets in the mine.

Rebecca Brown Kraus was recently initiated as a senior member-in-course of Phi Beta Kappa at Wayne State University, Detroit. Ms. Kraus, a December 1975 Honors graduate in Art History and History is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Kraus, Sr. of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Sager of Down River, who will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary July 21, were guests of honor at a surprise dinner party on Sunday evening at the Earl Longworth's. Ten people gathered for dinner to celebrate the Sagers.

Sgt. John M. Wilcox III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Wilcox, Jr. of Grayling was selected Squadron Safety NCO (Weapons, Flight and Ground) for the month of May.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bixler and daughter, Denise, of Westland, spent the weekend at the Jolly Redskin with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wakeley. Denise remained here for the week to visit. Terri's brother, Terrance Bixler, is spending the summer with the Wakeley's and working at the livery.

Yvonne Knapp of Roscommon was lodged in the County Jail over the weekend in connection with an alleged shooting incident near Frederic on Saturday. According to sheriff's officers, she allegedly fired shots from a .22 rifle at Richard Bumbalough as he was driving his

car away from a Frederic motel. He was not wounded.

Mrs. Helen Cook of M-72 East celebrated her 75th birthday Sunday at her home.

46 Years Ago

July 23, 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNamara are spending a few days in Grayling before leaving to make their home in Bay City. Larry, who has been stationed at Camp Pendleton, California with the navy, has been transferred to the Naval Reserve Training Center in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boeve and daughter Sandy of Frontier are spending the week at the Christensen cottage on the AuSable River.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joseph and children left Tuesday to spend a few days in the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Woods (Ruth Brenner) of Flint have arrived to spend the remainder of the summer at the Cal Brenner cottage at Lake Margrethe.

Mrs. A.F. Gierke, Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and son, Earl, the latter who was home for a short stay from C.W.C.E., Mt. Pleasant, attended the Cherry Festival in Traverse City on one of the days it was being held.

Miss Edith Bidvia of Detroit is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bidvia. Their son Everett who teaches school in Muskegon was a weekend visitor.

69 Years Ago

July 24, 1930

The big thing in Grayling this week was the re-opening of the Rialto Theatre that was destroyed by fire in April this year. Throngs attended the opening on Tuesday night and were thrilled by its magnificence. It is one of the finest to be found anywhere - the very last word in cinema equipment.

Miss Edith Bidvia will represent Grayling at the Eastern Michigan Water Carnival to be held in Bay City next week having been chosen by a group of judges from among a group of five young ladies, who led the contest that has been going on. Jayne Keyport is alternate, Rosalie Stammeler will represent her home town, Frederic, with Doris Corsaut, alternate.

Gov. Green and his staff were on hand last Saturday for the Governor's Review of the Michigan National Guard.

Robert M. Reagan, M.C.R.R. conductor was found dead in his way car Tuesday morning at Mackinaw City. He is survived by his widow, the former Eva Robinson and one daughter. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Reagan.

92 Years Ago

July 25, 1907

Willis McCullough is a dandy ball player and delights in the game, but he made a mistake last week in trying to catch a swift one with his nose. He got the ball alright, but his nose lay over on his cheek. He is fixed up and ready for another.

Mr. Bradley amputated one of his fingers while operating their power sausage machine in the new market. He is not pleased with the experience.

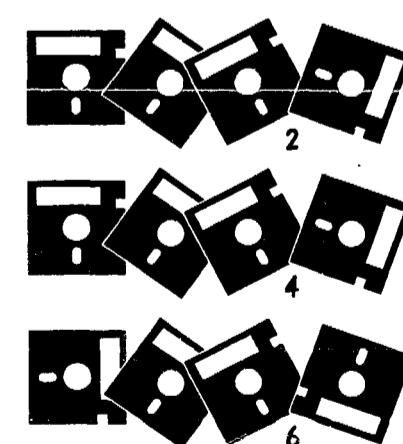
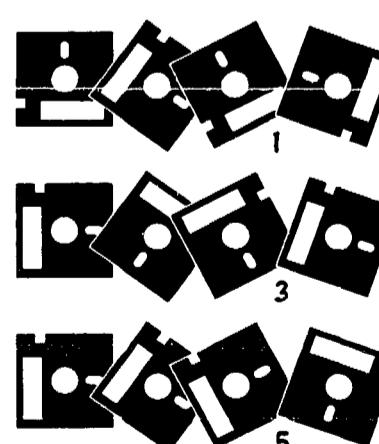
Our boys did it again, as was expected. The Wolverine ball club came down in full war paint after the scalps of the home club, but were obliged to return satisfied with one lone run to 11 for Grayling. Battery for Grayling were Dyer and Graham.

The Danish Society held their annual picnic at Nelson's Landing on Portage Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Keeler were in camp at Ingerson's Landing at the "U Need A Rest" cottage on the banks of the AuSable and entertained many guests. Trout were plentiful and all broke camp feeling they had been well supplied.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: TWO AND FOUR



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rainfall
7/13	80	53	66	
7/14	79	66	71	0.01"
7/15	86	65	70	
7/16	88	69	69	0.24"
7/17	79	55	59	
7/18	80	59	63	0.39"
7/19	77	52	58	0.44"

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Thursday - partly sunny and warm with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms, high 85. Friday and Saturday - continued warm with a chance of thunderstorms, lows in the 60's and highs in the mid 80's.

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting July 14, 1999

Members Present: Janice Annis, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None. One vacancy.

Others Present: Monte Burmeister, Cindy Olson, Howard Guyett, Jeff Steffe, Dan VanNuck, Jack Harney, Walter Pietrzky, Joe Riddle, Lynette Corlew, Glenn Gault, Pat Nunn, Tim Coe, Laura Schans.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wright.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to approve minutes of June 9, 1999, as presented. Ayes: four, Nays: none, one vacancy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for June was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required)

911 Activity Report 5-99.

Business:

1. Supervisor explained that due to Melvin "Pat" Nunn's recent election to the Crawford AuSable School Board he was required to resign his position as Grayling Township Trustee effective July 1, 1999. The trustee position was advertised and six applicants were interviewed at a Special Township Board meeting held July 13, 1999. Mr. Thomas J. Hall was appointed to fill the unexpired term of trustee through November 20, 2000.

Supervisor Wright welcomed Mr. Hall and administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Hall joined the other board members to begin his duties as Grayling Township Trustee.

2. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to re-appoint Joseph Callewaert and Curt Jansen to the Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

3. Pat Nunn was present to report the findings of the Township Parks Committee regarding the acreage at the end of Isenbauer Road that was given to Grayling Township by the State of Michigan to be used for recreational purposes.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that the township not pursue creating a park at this site and deed it back to the State for the following reasons: A) The site is very narrow on the south end, through which the East Branch of the AuSable River flows, and runs adjacent to I-75 making it undesirable for a picnic, playground or quiet area. B) There is a dangerous bridge across the East Branch which creates a liability and would need to be removed or replaced. Removal of the bridge would cut off access to a majority of the acreage. Replacement of the bridge would be costly and may not be permitted by the MDNR. C) Creation of an alternate access road on the north end of the acreage, which is partially wetlands, would be expensive and possibly not good for the environment.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, that Grayling Township accept the recommendation of the Township Parks Committee to return the 85 acre parcel in Sec 32, T27N, R3W, located at the end of Isenbauer Road to the State of Michigan as it is not suitable for the recreational purposes envisioned by Grayling Township. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

Board agreed that reasons for the return of the property should be communicated to the State and they should be advised that the Township is still interested in acquiring property for a park at an appropriate site.

4. Cindy Olson, representing the Grayling Recreation Authority, requested that the Township consider financially supporting a grass and irrigation system project needed on the soccer fields, the softball outfield and the playground at Hanson Hills. They currently have pledges of \$10,000 of the approximately \$30,000 required funding.

After considerable discussion the issue was placed on the July 27, 1999 Township Board meeting agenda.

5. Designations for Fiscal Year 1999-2000:

Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to retain Mickey Perez, C.P.A. as Grayling Township auditor for F.Y.99-2000. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, that regular Grayling Township Board meetings be held the second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, second by Hall, to table designation of Township Attorney to the July 27, 1999 Board meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Motion by Ashton, second by Hall, to accept the petition from a majority of property owners on Red Tailed Hawk Loop requesting a Special Assessment District for street lights be created and schedule a public hearing for August 17, 1999. Public hearings for the renewal of Special Assessment Districts for private road maintenance for Sumac and Trem Pal, Borcher's Way, Hanner Trail, Wilderness Trail and Pappy's Trail also to be scheduled for August 17, 1999 beginning at 7 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

CRAWFORD COUNTY IS SEEKING BIDS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are seeking bids to remodel two existing garages. The two adjacent garages are located on the north side of the County Building between the Courthouse and the Jail. The garages are to be converted into office space. All bids are to be sealed and submitted to the controller on or before August 27th, 1999. For details and project specifications contact Paul Compo at the County Building.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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7. Township Hall addition update: Two construction companies picked up bid packets on July 7, 1999. Bids will be opened at 2 p.m. July 22, 1999. There will be a special meeting of the Township Board at 7 p.m., July 27, 1999, to accept or reject a bid for the construction of a 40 foot addition to the conference room.

8. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION HONORING CURT JANSEN

WHEREAS, the success of its residents is dependent upon the willingness of its residents to devote a share of their talents and time in the interest of their fellowmen; and

WHEREAS, Curt Jansen has served for many years as the Grayling Township Appointee to the Crawford County Transportation Authority Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Curt's dedication and leadership as a member of the Crawford County Transportation Authority Board of Directors has set an example for all that follow in his absence; and

WHEREAS, the good citizens of Grayling Township owe Curt a debt of gratitude and wish to honor him;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution of sincere thanks and good wishes be extended to Curt Jansen from the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees on behalf of all Grayling Township residents.

All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MELVIN "PAT" NUNN

WHEREAS, the success of Township Government is dependent upon the willingness of its elected officials to devote a share of their talents and their time in the interest of good government; and

WHEREAS, Melvin "Pat" Nunn has served Grayling Township as Trustee since 1996; and

WHEREAS, he served with devotion, loyalty, honor and distinction, often at sacrifice to his own pursuits and to his family;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the service rendered by Melvin "Pat" Nunn to the residents of the Township of Grayling be publicly acknowledged and best wishes for his new endeavor as a member of the Crawford AuSable School District Board of Education.

All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to authorize Z.B.A. and P.C. members and Township staff to attend the MTA Zoning Decision Making Process seminar in Gaylord on July 29, 1999. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to table recommendation for liquor license transfer from Frogies, Inc. until favorable inspection reports have been received from agencies involved. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to refund \$132 fees on PE99073 and PB99088 to George and Nicole Garen. All ayes, motion carried.

13. The Compactor Station received an excellent rating on its 1999 D.E.Q. inspection.

14. Motion by Annis, support by O'Mara, to pay bills on vouchers 20748-20743, 20745-20756, Board and Commission Fees of \$375 and Guardian Dental \$511.45 for a grand total of \$69,524.75. All ayes, motion carried.

15. Motion by Annis to adjourn, carried.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

Council members noted how nice the sidewalks look and that people seem to be walking more.

99-63

Moved by Golnick, supported by Brown that the Sidewalk Estimate #2 in the amount of \$77,844.61 from Hunt Bros. Poured Walls, Inc. be paid. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak. None.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Garbage pick-up will be on Wednesday, July 7th as usual because the holiday falls on Sunday.

b. Mr. Morford proposed that we do a project at the Grayling Fire Hall, change the heating system in the building. \$9,620.00 cost with some small electrical costs and roof repairs as needed to complete the job. This is in the 1998-99 Budget.

99-64

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick to change the heating system in the Grayling Fire Station at a cost of \$9,620.00 plus maybe \$1000.00 more for incidentals pertaining to the heating system from the 1998-99 Budget. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Two letters for the Mayor. One regarding I-75 landscaping. This is a state and federal project in the amount of \$84,000.00 plus or minus.

The second is for Old 27 Bicycle path from Hanson Hills to the High School in the amount of \$550,000 plus or minus.

d. Retirement dinner for Chief Stephan at the Shoppen Inn on July 31, 1999.

e. NPI. Update. There is no new data regarding water tower antennas.

f. Meetings with Railroad regarding Michigan Avenue crossing, nothing new to report.

g. October 6-8, 1999 M.M.L. Convention in Grand Rapids. City Manager, Mayor and Councilman Golnick will attend.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer inquired about an update on the Crime Lab needing more space. The City Manager is waiting to hear from the state leasing agent.

b. Ms. Palmer would like John Czarnecki to appear at the July 26, 1999 meeting regarding DDA questions. The City Manager stated that Dan Elliott would not be attending the July 26 meeting unless the Council wished him to be there.

Ms. Brown suggested we attempt to eliminate some residence from proposed DDA area.

Mr. Stevens reported that he and Jim Briney are to meet with the Crawford County Board regarding DDA on July 15th.

Moved by Palmer, supported by Ruddy to invite John Czarnecki to the July 26, 1999 meeting. Mr. Stevens asked for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Palmer, Ruddy; Nays: Golnick, Brown, Stevens; Absent: 0, Motion Failed.

c. Ms. Palmer asked about labor negotiations. Mr. Morford said he has no new information. Ms. Palmer wants to get together with 2 council members, teamsters representative, Mr. Morford and Mr. Fremont. She also wants to go into Executive Session to discuss the matter tonight. Mr. Morford said has no new data. Ms. Palmer wants to get it settled. So does everyone else. It is a long process, no easy way to end it. It is now in the hands of the Arbitrator.

d. Ms. Brown. She will be out of town for the August 9th Council Meeting.

e. 4th of July Fireworks.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Brown to allow \$500.00 for fireworks for the 4th of July to the Youth Booster Club of Grayling as in the past. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Adjournment.

99-65

Moved by Stevens, supported by Golnick that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Bendig and Kathryn E. Bendig his wife (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagor, dated September 7, 1994, and recorded on September 8, 1994, in Liber 383 on Page 362. Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by mesne assignments to Norwest Mortgage Inc., a California Corporation, Assignee, by an assignment dated April 23, 1996 which was recorded on July 2, 1996, in Liber 413, on Page 623. Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 40/100 dollars (\$63,362.40), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Moved by Ashton, second by Annis, to adjourn at 12:18 p.m., carried.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5 for each description, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND

State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Lot 389 Unit 5 Indian Glens of the AuSable 052-520-00-389-00.

Taxes paid for 1991, \$105.89; taxes paid for 1992, \$109.63; taxes paid for 1993, \$105.26; taxes paid for 1994, \$105.26; taxes paid for 1995, \$108.16.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$801.30 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Donald M. McChristian Sr.
40960 Regency Drive
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

-8-15-22-29

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take Notice:

Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds, issued for the land.

You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5 for each description, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

LOT 40, GRAYLING MANOR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM, on August 18, 1999.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOT 20, BLOCK 2, PLAT OF KAREN WOODS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 44, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgage

Dated: July 15, 1999

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagor

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300

Birmingham, MI 48009-6



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LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by William D. Shearer Jr., a single man, of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 200 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan

49507, dated August 22, 1997, and recorded on September 2, 1997, in Liber 436, Page 556 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to First National Bank of Michigan, a National Banking Association, whose address is 241 E. Saginaw, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 14, 1997, and recorded on November 7, 1997, with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 441, Page 242, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars and Eighty Two Cents (\$18,910.82) and no suit or proceedings at law having been

instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on August 19, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel "A": Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 19; thence no degrees 26' 50" E (along the Section line) 1127.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 88 degrees 34' 30" W 1476.76 feet; thence N 4 degrees 41' 14" E 1547.28 feet; thence S 88 degrees 36' E 55.22 feet; thence S 0 degrees 28' 20" W 1303.8 feet; thence S 88 degrees 34' 30" W 1308.67 feet; thence S 0 degrees 26' 50" W 209 feet to the point of beginning,

which has an address of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) from the date of such sale.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular Board meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, July 22, 1999 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738 for furnishing of the following.

Furnishing and Installation of Truck Components and Equipment

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **5th Wheel Truck Components**.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informality in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Raymond Swiercz, Chairman
Robert Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William Gannon, Commissioner

-15-22-

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Health Education Department, in care of your local Health Department.

Beans are a good food choice
Question: Our family loves baked beans in the summer. Someone said they are fattening. Does this mean I have to give up one of my favorite foods?

Signed: Bean Fanatic

Answer: First of all, beans by themselves are not fattening. One cup of beans contains only 200 to 300 calories. Plus, beans have many other good qualities such as:

- Beans are one of the highest sources of bran. They contain nine grams of fiber per cup of cooked beans. The fiber they contain is mostly the soluble kind that has been shown to possibly help lower blood cholesterol levels.

- Beans contain no cholesterol (since they are not an animal product) and very little fat (soybeans are

an exception - they are high in unsaturated fat).

- Dried beans are the best source of protein that is not meat. In just a one-half cup of beans there is a full seven grams of protein. Although the protein is insufficient in several amino acids, this can be rectified by eating rice, bread or dairy products, or a small amount of meat the same day.

- Dried beans are inexpensive to buy:

- Dried beans are rich in important nutrients such as Vitamin B,

calcium, iron, zinc and potassium.

- Beans by themselves are an important part of many diets including diabetic, low-fat, high fiber, weight loss and vegetarian diets.

- Canned beans are just as nutritious as dried. However, they have extra sodium and not quite as much B vitamin.

Baked beans, therefore, can be a great nutritional value if they are prepared in a way that doesn't drown their inherent good points in a sea of sugar and fat. This means cutting back on bacon and pork fat.

ground beef, brown sugar, molasses and other additives that are used somewhat liberally in baked beans.

Making your own beans from scratch, or using canned beans with no syrup, would give you the opportunity to experiment with a baked bean recipe that is low in fat and calories. Rinsing and draining canned beans before using them will help you reduce the sodium content.

Beans of all types are a great summer diet value. Keep on eating them - just prepare them as nutritionally as possible.

Common myths about Supplemental Security Income finally dispelled

Some people who might qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) may not apply for benefits due to widespread myths about the eligibility rules. Following are some myths about the SSI program and information that may help you make a decision about whether you should apply.

MYTH 1: A person can't get both Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income.

Your monthly benefits are counted as income when eligibility is determined for SSI, but you can still qualify for SSI as long as you meet the overall income and resource limits.

Adults who meet these income and resource limits and who also meet the Social Security disability rules will also be found disabled for SSI.

MYTH 2: It's difficult to qualify for SSI.

The SSI program is designed to help people before they become destitute as well as after. Not everything you own is counted. You can have some earnings and also own a home, car and burial plots and still get benefits. To be eligible for SSI,

you must be age 65 or older or be disabled or be blind and have limited income and resources. A person who qualifies for SSI on the basis of both age and disability or blindness can receive payments under whichever category is more advantageous.

MYTH 3: SSI is only for adults.

Children as well as adults can get SSI on the basis of disability or blindness. However, the disability rules for children differ from those for adults. There are also different non-medical rules for children with disabilities. For a child under 18, we consider the parents' income and assets when deciding if the child qualifies for SSI. When a child turns 18, we no longer consider the parent's income and assets. This means that a child who was not eligible for SSI before age 18 because the parents' income and assets were too high may become eligible at 18.

MYTH 4: SSI is paid from the Social Security trust funds.

SSI is financed through general funds of the U.S. Treasury, personal income taxes, corporation taxes and other taxes. The Social Security

Administration administers the SSI program. It determines eligibility of claimants, makes the basic payments to recipients and maintains a master record of recipients.

MYTH 5: SSI payment automatically stop when you leave the country.

Usually, if you leave the United States for 30 days or more, your SSI will stop. However, your SSI can start again after you have been back in the U.S. for at least 30 straight days. Special rules apply to dependent children of military personnel who leave the U.S. Their SSI may continue while overseas if they were receiving SSI payments in the month before their parent reported for overseas duty.

For more information about SSI, call our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213, or call or visit your local Social Security office to ask for copies of the following booklets: *Supplemental Security Income* (SSA Publication No. 05-11000) and *Benefits for Children with Disabilities* (SSA Publication No. 05-10026). You may also get publications from our website, www.ssa.gov.

Study finds some confuse Social Security and SSI benefits

A Gallup survey finds that many people tend to confuse Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because both programs are run by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Social Security is not the same as SSI. Social Security is a social insurance program funded primarily through the Social Security taxes paid by workers, employers and self-employed people. SSI is a public assistance program financed from general funds of the U.S. Treasury.

The two programs also differ in other areas, such as conditions for eligibility and the method of figuring payment.

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to qualify. The amount of your monthly Social Security benefit is based on your earnings averaged over most of your working career.

To qualify for SSI, a person must be age 65 or older or be blind or disabled and have limited income and resources.

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For more information about the eligibility rules for Social Security and SSI, contact SSA toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 and ask for copies of the following booklets, *Understanding the Benefits* (SSA Pub. No. 05-10024) and *Supplemental Security Income* (SSA Pub. No. 05-11000). Users of the Internet can type www.ssa.gov to access these and other Social Security publications.

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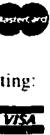


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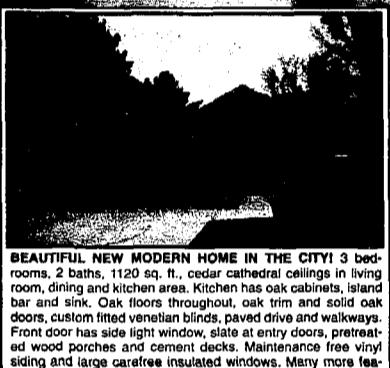


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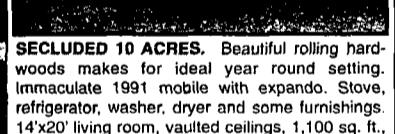


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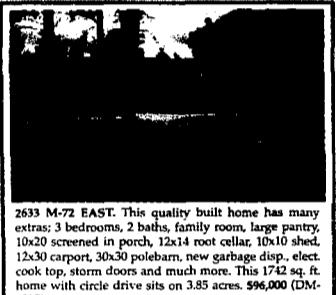
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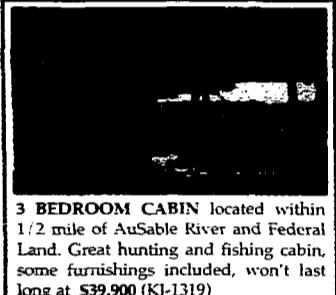
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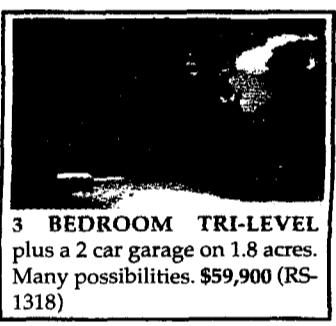
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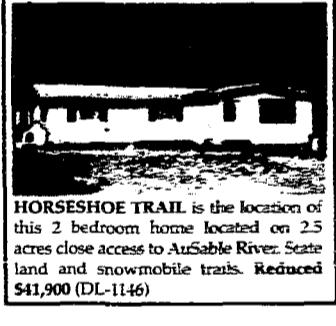
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HORSESHEO TRAIL is the location of this 2 bedroom home located on 2.5 acres close access to AuSable River. State land and snowmobile trails. Reduced \$41,900 (DL-1146)



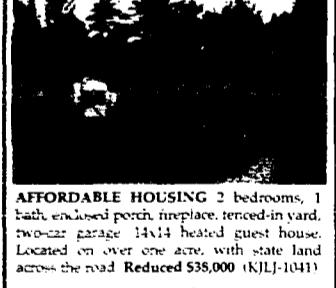
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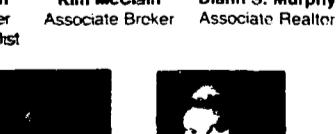
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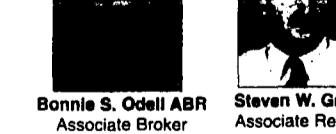
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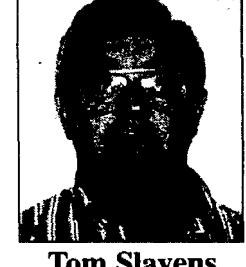


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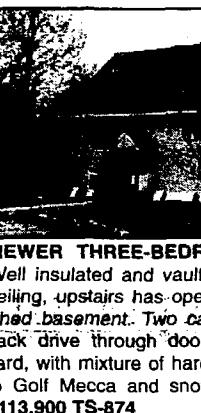
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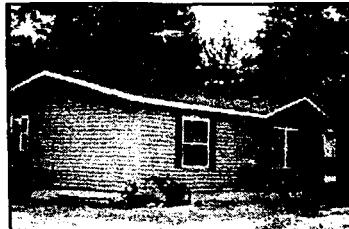
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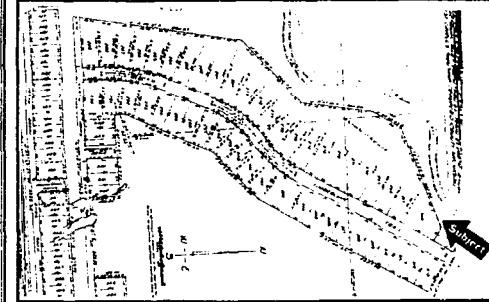


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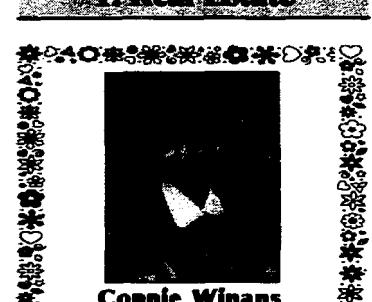
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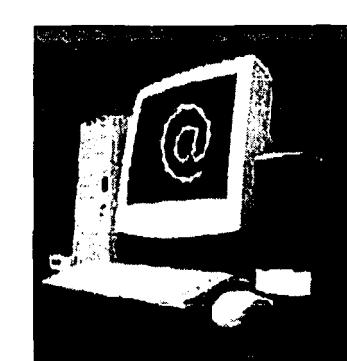
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Jerry LaMotte
Spike's Paddler Tribute Race
-22/8

8. Announcements

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9. Personals

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YARD SALE Saturday, July 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Furniture, toys, tennis and golf equipment, good quality clothes, pictures and lots of miscellaneous household items. Take 72 West to Old Dam Rd., turn right, go to Nottingham, turn left until you pass "No Outlet" sign, next house on the left. (-22/10)

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